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Soldiers return home after serving in Iraq

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling area residents rolled out their red, white and blue Saturday as they welcomed the men and women of the 1071st Maintenance Company as they returned to the community after serving in Iraq.

Citizens waved signs and flags, signs for each of the 147 soldiers in the 1071st Maintenance Company were placed along Old 27 and hundreds of people gathered at the Graying High School to greet the troops.

"It means a lot, everyone showing their support," said Spc. Adam Johns.

Johns was activated to deploy with the 1071st Maintenance Company just a few days after he completed his basic training and advanced individual training for the National Guard.

"He left a kid and came home a man," said Toni Johns, Adam's mother.

The 1071st Maintenance

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Photos by Dan Sanderson

The 147 members of the 1071st Maintenance Company, based out of Camp Grayling, returned home Saturday after serving 14 months of active duty which included 12 months in Iraq. Above, Spc. Adam Johns gets a hug from his mother, Toni Johns, after the troops came off their busses at the Grayling High School. Left, Josh Quinton, 9, wore an Uncle Sam hat and waved a American flag as a group of people waited for the soldiers to come by the American Legion Post.

City clears up Old 27 land issues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials recently cleared up a decades-old land snafu that may give the city's tax base a shot in the arm.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) had recorded easements to property located behind the Lone Pine Restaurant, Superior Finishers and Pointe North Motel, which dated back to the 1930s.

Grayling City Attorney Dave Sabin said the easements were placed on the property when Old 27 was constructed and prior to World War II when the state and federal government initiated plans to develop the Grayling Army Airfield for training.

The City of Grayling, MDOT and property owners recently went to court to have the state release its claim to the land. The city swapped land with the property owners, which will eventually allow for the construction of a road into 20 acres of property located west of Old 27, which is the last large tract of land that had remained undeveloped in the city.

"This will give us the ability to get a road through there and make everything legal," said

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Kite ready for flight



Photo by Dan Sanderson

About 50 youngsters in the Grayling area took part in kite building workshops at the Devereaux Memorial Library and Frederic Library last week. Youngsters learned about the history of kites and designed and built their own kites just in time for spring. Above, Alexandria Alma, 4, of Frederic shows off the colorful site she made.

I-75 Business Loop rehab project slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The I-75 Business Loop Bridge at the exit leading into Grayling will be closed for most of April for a rehabilitation project, forcing traffic to detour around the community.

The 254 Exit leading into Grayling is expected to be closed from Monday, April 10 to Sunday, May 7, while the contractors are working on the bridge.

A detour will divert traffic which normally travels through Grayling toward Traverse City and Mio down Four Mile Road to Military Road to M-93 to M-72.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials changed their plans to do the bridge reconstruction work in September 2005 after meeting with Grayling City Council and Grayling Regional Chamber officials last spring.

Business owners said that they still count on senior citizens, families, golfers and people taking coloring tours for business in September.

The spring season is a slower time of year, when people are heading south for spring break

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Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time officially begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



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PIONEER DAYS





Students at the AuSable Primary School celebrated March as reading month with Pioneer Days as they learned about the journeys that pioneering families made as they settled the country. Above left, Sierra Stout, a first grader in Ms. Heidi Lingaur's class, places a wagon on the wall at the school. Students were able to fill out a wagon for each book they read during the month, and the wagon train stretched through the hallways at the school to show how many books the students read. Above right, Bailey Millikin, a kindergartner in Mrs. Nicole Huspen's class, and Brooke Thayer, a second grader in Mrs. Nancy Dean's class, wear pioneer clothing while they sit in a pioneer wagon that was located in the school lobby. Students enjoyed sitting in the wagon, reading and imagining they were pioneers. The wagon was loaned to the school by Monty Bidwell.

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Fish hatchery committee seeks new members

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is trying to net some new blood.

The Crawford County Board, which appoints the fish hatchery committee, is seeking community members to sit on the board that oversees the fish hatchery grounds.

Fish hatchery committee member Kris Bruestle resigned earlier this month, and Kevin Garrity resigned from the committee earlier this year. Judy Fuller, another member on the committee, is not seeking reappointment when her term ends.

Bruce Patrick, Crawford County environmental monitor and fish hatchery steering committee member, said the committee is particularly seeking residents who have a background in fund-raising and grant writing. The committee, which currently has eight members, can have as many as 15 people on the committee.

"That's where we're at right now – we're kind of stymied for money – but I guess that's the name of the game with everything," Patrick said.

In December, the hatchery committee submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The committee is hoping to get a rural enterprise grant which are earmarked to fund and finance small and emerging business in rural areas and can be used for the repair and modernization of buildings.

The hatchery committee is seeking to gain funding to replace the roof and siding on the exterior of the 92-year-old hatchery building.

The committee is applying for a $99,000 grant with an estimate that the roof would take up about a third of the funds. The committee is planning to establish a small nature museum in the hatchery building. Patrick said the federal officials are waiting for the Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office to sign off on the grant application since the hatchery building is a national historic site.

"It all depends on getting their approval," Patrick said.

The hatchery committee completed a project to restore the fish hatchery grounds with a $464,000 Department of Natural Resources grant in 2003.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

Thousands of school groups, tourists and residents visit the hatchery every summer.

For information on appointment to the hatchery committee, contact Crawford County Clerk Sandy Moore at 344-3200.

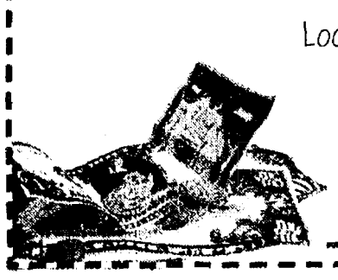
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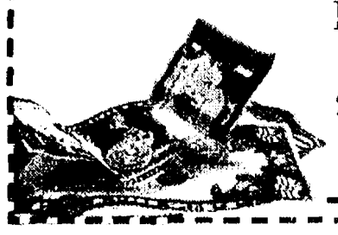
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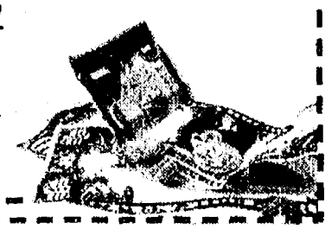
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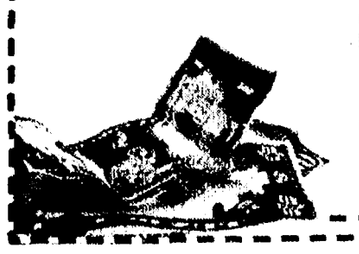


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Parade plans gain momentum

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling area resident with several years of experience organizing civic events has come forward to help organize the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade.

Don Mason has volunteered to help spearhead the parade planning.

Mason and his wife, Dorothy, moved to the Grayling area three years ago, when they were able to purchase property located on the AuSable River.

Mason has over 30 years of experience organizing public events as a member of the Clawson Lion's Club. He also headed up efforts or organize Clawson's 4th of July Celebration, a daylong festival involving several civic and non-profit organizations.

"I just felt it was time to get a little more involved with the community," Clawson said.

Music, Music, Music," has been selected as the theme for this year's parade.

Clawson has attended a couple of meetings with volunteers and is coordinating efforts with Graying City officials.

"I'm trying to bring some of my experience in so everybody knows what they are doing," Clawson said. "I'm really thrilled with the enthusiasm people are showing and I think we're going to have a nice parade."

Volunteers will hold a parade meeting at noon on Thursday, April 6 at the Holiday Inn of Grayling.

Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) members organized the AuSable Canoe Marathon Parade for years, but is asking for Grayling residents and civic organizations to help organize the event.

GPA in recent years obtained status as a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Members of the organization have learned that they can sponsor a band, award or float in the parade, but providing full financial support for the event put the non-profit status in jeopardy.

City clears up Old 27 land issues

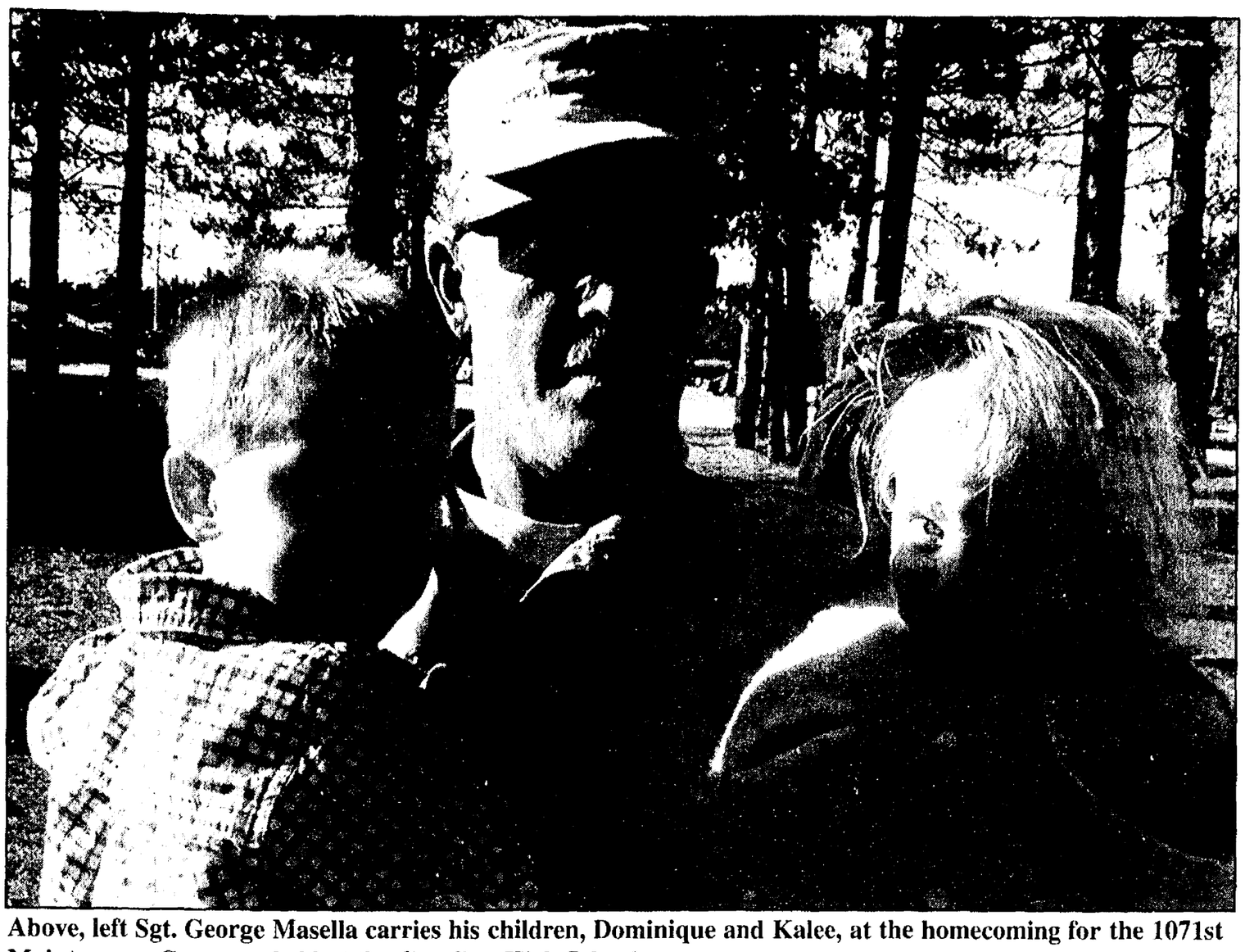
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Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe. "Everybody ended up with more property than they had before, so it's a win-win situation."

Adrian Andrews, the owner of Pointe North Motel, said she has no plans to develop the land she acquired since she is planning to sell her business. Andrews has owned the motel, which was formally called the Triangle Motel built in 1949, for 15 years.

Andrews believes development of a road off Old 27 as well as adding a full interchange off I-75 exit at North Down River Road would benefit the local economy.

"Grayling needs something to give the community a boost," Andrews said.



Above, left Sgt. George Masella carries his children, Dominique and Kalee, at the homecoming for the 1071st Maintenance Company held at the Grayling High School.

Soldiers return home after serving in Iraq

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Company was called to active duty in January 2005 and was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for in-processing and mission specific training. They arrived in Kuwait in April 2005 and were then sent to Iraq. While in Iraq, the 1071st Maintenance Company supported the maintenance needs of various units such as the 42nd Infantry Division and the Tennessee National Guard's 278 Brigade Combat Team.

Brigadier Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, said the 1071st Maintenance Company's performance will be unequaled by similar units.

"You are a family, the National Guard is a family, we welcome you back to the state of Michigan and we wish you Godspeed," Taylor said.

Mst. Sgt. Dale Papendick said it was a little hairy at times serving in the middle of a war zone.

"Once we got there and got set up, everything went smooth," Papendick said. "We fixed anything and everything that they threw at us."

Taylor presented Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Petersen with a Purple Heart. Petersen was struck in the leg by a bullet on Jan. 20 during a firefight after the base the unit was occupying came under mortar attack.

"It's nice that my family got to be part of it," Petersen said. "I'm just happy to be home and hope that there will be a smooth transition for everybody. It's been a different life for the last 14 months than we're used to."

After Capt. Jason Teddy, the commander of the 1071st Maintenance Company dismissed the troops, Thin Lizzy's "The Boys Are Back in Town" was played over the high school gymnasium public address system and the the soldiers departed for homecoming celebrations with their families.

"Words can't describe how good it is to be home," said Chief Warrant Officer Phil Trudgeon. "That's a long time to be away from family and friends and the community support has just been awesome."

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(1071st)

I've heard of a warm welcome
and the welcome that I saw,
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and they were the whole parade.

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the people lined the streets.
Flags were flying everywhere
it was really quite unique.

You knew that someone special
was coming up the street.
When the motor-cade passed by
today it was really quite a treat.

All the smiling faces.
The waving of the hands.
Our heroes made it home today
from a far off distant land.

Welcome home our soldiers'
you're heroes "every-one."
We'd like to say our thanks to you,
for a job superbly done!!

From the folk's
of the frozen tundra

James Kehr



An American Flag was hoisted high in the air on a hoist of a crane operated by Northrop Tree and Crane Service that was parked at the Scott McNamara Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership.



Brigadier General Robert V. Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, presents a Purple Heart medal to Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Petersen as his wife, Mona, looks on.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

School starting date argued all over

NOT TOO LONG ago, Michigan legislature decreed that the school year for local schools must start after Labor Day.

The argument waxed hot and heavy for several years, with the tourist industry leading the parade of those in favor of a post-Labor Day school start, which would lengthen the tourist season, thus giving Michigan families a few more weeks for family vacations, and putting more dollars into tourist-related cash registers.

Of course, in the process local elected school boards lost a bit more local autonomy. Most local school officials argued that the decision should be left with local school districts which better understand the needs of their own students and communities.

At any rate, it's settled ... at least for now. Chances are pretty good that the question will come to the fore again before too long.

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MICHIGAN IS NOT the only state with differing opinions on when local schools should open. The Florida legislature is wrestling with the same issue right now.

The point in Florida is also that schools open too early and that starting dates should be delayed from early and mid-August to no more that one week before Labor Day.

Local school officials in Florida, as in Michigan, argue that local control should remain. Opening day has been creeping forward in part to give students more time to prepare for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, given in February and March, which is used to rate schools, and in turn helps determine financial aid in one form or another, depending on scores.

Sound familiar to Michigan teachers and parents? Are there echoes of skills and aptitude tests and other rating devices?

One sponsor of a bill for longer summer vacations offered a health motivation, suggesting longer summers would help counter youth obesity.

Florida kids, the legislator pointed out, don't have enough time to run around in the summer as kids are supposed to do. The senator could have a point, when she said that "they don't have time to be kids anymore."

But if a longer summer is to keep kids active outdoors so they won't get fat, maybe a companion law should outlaw video games, which occupy many hours for a lot of kids, and exercise only their thumbs.

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FLORIDA AND MICHIGAN share other legislative concerns, too.

Key lime pie is proposed as official Florida state pie.

Michigan lawmakers, meanwhile, grapple with replacing the robin with the Kirtland's Warbler as Michigan's official bird.

Key lime pie may have tough sledding in Tallahassee. The senate president publicly proclaimed that he doesn't like key lime pie, never eats it, but does admit that he likes the crust, which is usually made of graham crackers.

The pecan pie has its Florida backers, too, but the pecan boomlet lost some steam when key lime backers pointed out neighboring Georgia already has the pecan pie as its official state pie, and anything that's good enough for Georgia usually falls short in Florida.

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THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE, meanwhile, faced its own crisis recently, namely a resolution to honor Jane Fonda for charity work.

The resolution was offered by a Democratic senator, apparently recognizing charitable activities while she was married to Ted Turner.

Alas the sins of the past roared back into the present, rousing considerable opposition to honoring Jane Fonda based on her anti-war activities back in 1972, when she visited North Vietnam, infamously pictured waving from a tank, and denouncing American war efforts in Vietnam.

Because of the furor, a call came from Ms. Fonda's office urging the resolution be withdrawn. The sponsor tried, but Republicans insisted on an immediate vote, which turned it down 38-1. The sponsor even voted against it. Ah, the ways partisanship can be expressed are varied indeed.

Legislators in Michigan as well as in other states often are criticized for spending time on relative minutia – such as official pies and feel-good resolutions – when important matters are at hand, such as budgets and education and the economy.

But the more things change, sometimes the more they remain the same.

In 1897, for example, the Indiana House of Representatives passed 67-0 a measure redefining the area of a circle, effectively declaring the value of pi to be 3.2. The bill died in the Indiana senate. This information courtesy of one of those "this date in history" columns which many newspapers print.

Personally, I prefer legislators spending time on the key lime pie, the Kirtland's Warbler, and a Jane Fonda resolution than trying to establish the area of a circle.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Thanks for nothing

To the editor,

I'm sending a copy of a letter I sent to the Governor protesting the deforestation of the Grayling area. Please publish it so others will know about the deforestation of our forests, if they don't already know.

Dear Governor;

My name is Carolyn Rowe. My husband and I retired to Northern Michigan in 1995 because we enjoyed the woods.

I love to hike and there were many wooded areas in which to do this. There was a nice hiking trail on state land close to our home in Grayling.

However, I found one problem: there had been a great deal of dumping there and it looked terrible. After removing the small debris, we called on the DNR to help us get rid of the big things. We contacted them regularly for four years and we were told they did not have the resources, but would try to find someone interested in cleaning the area. We spent many hours cleaning what we could ourselves.

This past year, we found a forest angel who cleaned up the last of the debris. Our trail was beautiful again. Until this March, when state approved logging companies moved in. Now we have no trail. It's gone along with most of the trees. What we do have is a scene resembling a war zone. Piles of tree branches and dirt have replaced the stately pines. The earth is raw and wounded looking, and I'm left to wonder why I worked so hard for four years to clean an area that the state has allowed to be devastated to help fill the state coffers.

Many people have a low regard for Republicans, but it took a Democratic administration to come up with the idea of destroying Northern Michigan forests for money.

I am 66 years old and I doubt that I will ever see the forests around my home look as pretty as they once did. Thanks for nothing Governor Granholm.

Carolyn Rowe
Grayling

How to make a strong community

To the editor:

How to make a strong and thriving community:

1. Shop locally when possible.
2. Look locally before you go out of town to shop, you would be surprised what you can find right here in Grayling. Remember dollars spent locally usually stays local.
3. Get involved in your community.

Volunteer to help with something. If you don't like the way a particular program is run, don't just complain, volunteer to help and make it better or have an understanding of how that program is run.

Jamie Greer
Grayling

It's nice to know that people are helpful and caring

To the editor:

I just wanted to give an editorial comment on the assistance my wife and I received when we were involved in an automobile accident on March 22 on Ottawa and Bus. Loop I-75. The service and helpfulness of Officer Robert Butzin, Officer of City of Grayling Police, was excellent. The ambulance crew was prompt and courteous. The people that stopped and helped were very nice and caring. Milltown Collision hauled our vehicle and gave us a place to wait while our daughter came from Fairview to pick us up. The 911 operators were caring and helpful as well.

It is nice to know there are people out there that are so helpful and caring during our time of need.

Gene and Gail Ballard
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How Daylight Saving Time was adopted



Daylight Saving Time has been used in the U.S. and in many European countries since World War I. At that time, in an effort to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power, Germany and Austria took time by the forelock, and began saving daylight at 11:00 p.m. on April 30, 1916, by advancing the hands of the clock one hour until the following October. Other countries immediately adopted this 1916 action: Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, , Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, and Tasmania. Nova Scotia and Manitoba adopted it as well, with Britain following suit three weeks later, on May 21, 1916. In 1917, Australia and Newfoundland began saving daylight.

The plan was not formally adopted in the U.S. until 1918. 'An Act to preserve daylight and provide standard time for the United States' was enacted on March 19, 1918. It both established standard time zones and set summer DST to begin on March 31, 1918. Daylight Saving Time was observed for seven months in 1918 and 1919. After the War ended, the law proved so unpopular (mostly because people rose earlier and went to bed earlier than people do today) that it was repealed in 1919 with a Congressional override of President Wilson's veto. Daylight Saving Time became a local option, and was continued in a few states, such as Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and in some cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

During World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt instituted year-round Daylight Saving Time, called "War Time," from February 2, 1942 to September 30, 1945. From 1945 to 1966, there was no federal law regarding Daylight Saving Time, so states and localities were free to choose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time and could choose when it began and ended. This understandably caused confusion, especially for the broadcasting industry, as well as for railways, airlines, and bus companies. Because of the different local customs and laws, radio and TV stations and the transportation companies had to publish new schedules every time a state or town began or ended Daylight Saving Time.

On January 4, 1974, President Nixon signed into law the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973. Then, beginning on January 6, 1974, implementing the Daylight Saving Time Energy Act, clocks were set ahead for a 15-month period through April 27, 1975.

In the early 1960s, observance of Daylight Saving Time was quite inconsistent, with a hodgepodge of time observances, and no agreement about when to change clocks. The Interstate Commerce Commission, the nation's timekeeper, was immobilized, and the matter remained deadlocked. Many business interests were supportive of standardization, although it became a bitter fight between the indoor and outdoor theater industries. The farmers, however, were opposed to such uniformity. State and local governments were a mixed bag, depending on local conditions.

Efforts at standardization were encouraged by a transportation industry organization, the Committee for Time Uniformity. They surveyed the entire nation, through questioning telephone operators as to local time observances, and found the situation was quite confusing. Next, the Committee's goal was a strong supportive story on the front page of the New York Times. Having rallied the general public's support, the Time Uniformity Committee's goal was accomplished, but only after discovering and disclosing that on the 35-mile stretch of highway between Moundsville, W.V., and Steubenville, Ohio, every bus driver and his passengers had to endure seven time changes!

By 1966, some 100 million Americans were observing Daylight Saving Time based on their local laws and customs. Congress decided to step in and end the confusion, and to establish one pattern across the country. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 signed into Public Law 89-387 on April 12, 1966, by President Lyndon Johnson, created Daylight Saving Time to begin on the last Sunday of April and to end on the last Sunday of October. Any State that wanted to be exempt from Daylight Saving Time could do so by passing a state law.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established a system of uniform (within each time zone) Daylight Saving Time throughout the U.S. and its possessions, exempting only those states in which the legislatures voted to keep the entire state on standard time.

In 1972, Congress revised the law to provide that, if a state was in two or more time zones, the state could exempt the part of the state that was in one time zone while providing that the part of the state in a different time zone would observe Daylight Saving Time. The Federal law was amended in 1986 to begin Daylight Saving Time on the first Sunday in April.

Under legislation enacted in 1986, Daylight Saving Time in the USA

- begins at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of April and
- ends at 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of October.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

COA to hold Easter dinner

The Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will be holding an Easter Dinner and egg hunt on April 6, at 5 p.m. Cost for the meal is $3 for seniors and children under 12 and $5 for adults under 60. For information call Elouise Mize at (989) 348-7123.

Historical board to meet

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Grayling City Hall. Meetings are open to all interested persons.

Garden Club to hold meeting

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information please call Cindy Cain at 344-1420.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meetings of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Space available for Job Fair

A Job/Career Fair will be held at the Grayling High School Media Center on May 1. Any business interested in participating please contact Kay at Michigan Works 989-348-8709, limited space available.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of hot casserole, a sandwich, salad, soup and dessert on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Boy Scouts food pick up this Saturday

Scouting for Food Pick-Up is Saturday, April 1. Please have all bags out by 8 a.m. Anyone that did not get a bag, or would like to donate non-perishable items please drop off at On-line Auction House, Goodale's Bakery or the Christian Help Center.

Mercy Hospice to host Hospice Foundation of America's 13th Annual Teleconference

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. It also provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals, including doctors, nurses, ethicists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

This year HFA's 13th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Pain Management at the End of Life." The teleconference will examine the gap between knowledge and application of effective pain control in the person with a terminal condition, including pharmaceutical, psycho-social, spiritual, and complementary aspects of pain management. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Public Policy and Communication at George Mason University and Special Correspondent with CNN, the program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 5, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT in the Riverside Room at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mr. Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Yvette Colon, MSW, ACSW, BCD; Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv; W.A. Drew Edmondson, Attorney General of Oklahoma; Kathleen M. Foley, MD; Kelli Gershon, APN, RN; William Larners, Jr., MD; Brad Stuart, MD; and Douglas J. Weschules, PharmD, BCPS.

The distinguished panel of ethicists, educators, and hospice experts will look at the laws and regulations that hinder the practice of pain management. Discussions will examine ways in which health care workers and the general public can work together to improve the societal approach to pain management. After the teleconference local professionals representing Mercy Hospice, Mercy Hospital and local physicians will be present to answer questions.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a non-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement. This year the program is sponsored by the Foundation for End of Life Care and Purdue Pharma and produced in cooperation with the Adventist Communications Network, the Association for Death Education and Counseling, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

For more information or to sign up, please call Mary Beth Brady, at Mercy Hospice, 800-424-1457 or 989-348-0035. Please leave name and phone number.

Space is limited to 35, so call early.

Research study of residents being conducted

Homeowners of Crawford, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties living in and near the Huron Manistee National Forest may receive mail from Michigan State University concerning a national study of residents' perceptions of forest fire management, particularly for residential areas in our near national and state forests.

The study is designed to learn more about full-time and seasonal residents who live in areas where fire and fuel management play a central role for local fire departments and state federal natural resource managers.

A random sample of residents was selected to receive a questionnaire that should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary but encouraged, so the data will accurately represent the opinions of the full range of residents.

Scouting For Food



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Boy Scouts in the Grayling area delivered their Scouting For Food bags in the community on Saturday. The bags will be picked up on Saturday, April 1 and the donated food items will be taken to the Christian Help Center. Above, Tyler Summers and Freddy Fisher III, members of the Boy Scout Pack #3993, drop off a bag at a home in Grayling. Residents who did not have receive food bags in outlying areas of Crawford County who want to participate in the Scouting For Food Drive can drop their donations off at Goodale's Bakery or the Online Auction House.

Grayling K of C announces new monthly fund raiser

Through special arrangements with Albie's Foods of Gaylord, the Grayling Council of Knights of Columbus will be selling Albie's Pasties as a monthly fund raiser.

The Knights are currently taking pasties orders for the first fund raiser until 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 6. Pick-up will be after mass on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 at the St. Mary's of Grayling Church Family Center.

The pasties come frozen, four in a box, and are available in beef or chicken for $8.99 per box. Orders may be placed the prior weekend before at the church family center after mass or by calling 348-7657 anytime.

The Grayling Knights of Columbus "Albie's Pasties Week" will be held the first week of each month. "Future dates will be announced well in advance and published in the Avalanche," said member Harry Wojcik.

The pasty originated in Cornwall, England as a lunch to be eaten in the tin mines. The tradition was brought to the U.P. by immigrants who worked in the copper and iron mines. Albie's Foods, Inc. was started in 1987 in Metro Detroit and moved to northern Michigan in 1995. Their current facility is in Gaylord.

Kirtland library celebrates National Poetry Month

What do you get when you combine National Poetry Month with National Library Week? Well, volumes of verse of course.

Kirtland Community College would like everyone with poetry to share to help them on Wednesday, April 5, when the college hosts an open mic poetry night at the Kirtland library, beginning at 6 p.m.

The microphone will be open to all and refreshments will be provided at this free event.

In addition, don't forget to attend the next installment in Kirtland's Controlled Burn 2006 Winter Reading Series. Poet and fiction writer Heather Sellers will read from her work Thursday, March 30, at 4 p.m. in the Kirtland House, on the Kirtland campus. This event is also free.

For further information on either of these happenings, contact Kirtland English instructor Dan Crocker at 989-275-5000, ext. 220, or send e-mail to crockerd@kirtland.edu.

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Crawford County Transportation Authority

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Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

LOVELLS

Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.*
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409

M-72 WEST
Demand response service calls worked in between other runs

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting: Julee Dean @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS*:
Scheduled For April 2006

Trip #1
Tuesday, April 11, 2006
Victories Casino - Petoskey
Departing at 8:30 a.m.
Approximate arrival in Grayling 4:00 p.m.

Trip #2
Thursday, April 13, 2006
"Out to Lunch Gang"
for Mio
Lunch at Paddle Inn and Shopping at the Amish Store
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:
Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

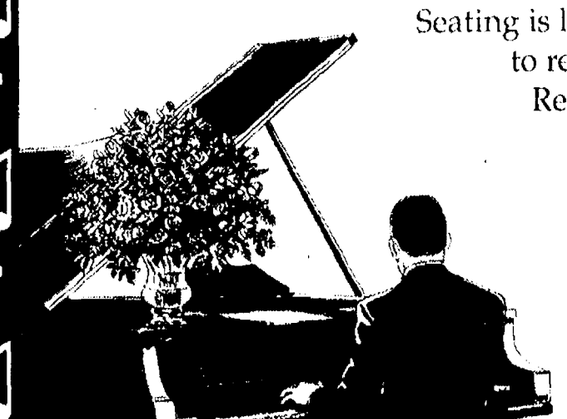
The Brook Retirement Community
presents
A Free Musical Event

Gladwin, April 7th at 7 p.m.,
Houghton Lake, April 8th at 3 p.m.

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Seating is limited, so please call us to reserve your spot!! Reservations only.



Please contact
The Brook in Gladwin,
989-426-8803
For the Friday, 7:00 p.m. show.

Please contact
The Brook in Houghton Lake,
989-422-7200
For the Saturday, 3:00 p.m. show.

The Bible Speaks

Suicide

The past few weeks have been very stressful for many people due to such things as cold weather, rising energy costs, increased debt, loneliness, depression, despair and discouragement. But don't even consider suicide. Eccl 3:2 tells us there is a time to be born and a time to die. Suicide is untimely.

Suicide is promoted by Secular Humanists. "It also includes recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide." Humanist Manifesto II. Humanists glorify suicide as an act of human dignity. People faced with financial stress, family problems, and other circumstances often choose suicide as their "honorable" way out. Their pride will not allow them to reach out for help, or sympathy from others. They feel like victims with all circumstances beyond their control. Suicide is their last desperate act of the will to prove they can still be in control of their problems. In the end they love self more than others, and neither think or care about what will happen to their family and/or friends. Suicide hurts others who really love them the most. Those who don't love them are not hurt by their suicide.

Suicide is the ultimate act of rebellion against society and a sovereign God. Judas was a classic example of suicide. "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." (Acts 1:18). Judas had betrayed his best friend with a kiss. (Matthew 26:4&50). Judas could have asked for and received forgiveness, but he chose suicide. Judas committed his final sin of rebellion against Jesus Christ who loved him as a true friend.

Some people think suicide is an escape from reality. But it doesn't remove one from God. "Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; thought they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bit them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good." (Amos 9:24).

Suicide is another lie and deception of Satan to destroy life. It offers eternal suffering instead of peace. During the Great Tribulation upon earth, men shall attempt suicide and fail. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. (Rev. 9:6). The Philippian jailer was contemplating suicide when Paul stopped him. (Acts 16:27, 28). He responded, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:301. "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31). Faith in Jesus Christ is eternally better than suicide. Let Him wash you from your sins in His own blood. (Rev 1:5) Cast all your cares upon Him. He loves and cares for you. (1Pe. 5:7). Remember, "Only one life twill soon be passed, only what done for Christ will last." Never end life, opportunity, hope, and dreams on earth by one despairing act. Pastor "B"

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. Ralph W. Janka (interim)
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mm-umc.org
Barrier Free
Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) ..... 11 am
Adult Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor Tom Faunce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am
Morning Worship ..... 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Secord - Pastor
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093
Early Service ..... 8:30 am
Sunday School ..... 10 am
Morning Service ..... 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

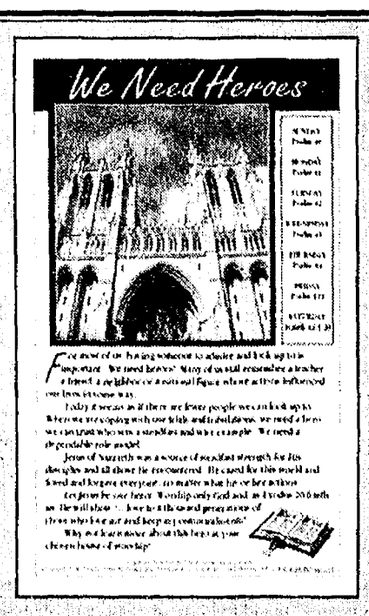
Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship ..... 11 am
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage 348-7466
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am
Evening Service ..... 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship ..... 11 am
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament ..... 10 am
Sunday School ..... 11 am
Primary ..... 11 am
Priesthood ..... 12 noon
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School ..... 10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service ..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm
(van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751
Church School ..... 9:45 am
Preaching ..... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
Parrish Office - 708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Worshiping at K of C Hall
Norway & M-72 West
Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses ..... 10:00 am
Daily Masses .....
Wednesday & Fridays ..... 8:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West • Office 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri ..... 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Fellowship
Pastor Bud & Debbie Mann
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am
Mid Week Services (Wed) ..... 7:00 p.m.
are held at Mifftown Corner Building
(Behind Cornell Real Estate)
Mail:9141 N. Cut River Rd Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm
Wednesday ..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.
Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School ..... 10 am
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship ..... 11 am
Evening Service ..... 6 pm
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor Scott Hoffer
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am • 6:30 pm
Sunday School ..... 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. ..... 6:30 pm

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School ..... 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 258-3448
Sunday School ..... 10 am
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
(989) 348-5921
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
at the junction of M-93 & Old 27
Winter Worship:
Sunday Learning Hour (for all ages) ..... 9:15 am
Worship Service ..... 10:30 am

Unity Church of Today North
Terry Dickinson, Minister
Virtual Church--an Email Bible Study available at
tlmrd@freeway.net

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)
Douglas Carter - Pastor
For information call 989-390-5920
The Roscommon Community Center,
Sunday ..... 9 am
510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School ..... 9 am
Morning Worship ..... 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study ..... 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... 12 noon

This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche at 348-6811, to be included on this page.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 31 - Lunch - baked chicken, potatoes and peas, stewed tomatoes, and brownie. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, April 2 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. $3 seniors and under 12, $5 non-seniors.

Monday, April 3 - Lunch - oven omelette, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, and apple. Dinner - sirloin steak, baked potato, corn, and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, April 4 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs, asparagus, glazed carrots, and pineapple. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts, and pears. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic.

Wednesday, April 5 - Lunch-baked pork chops, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, and applesauce. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, boiled potatoes, spinach, and tropical fruit salad. 9:30 a.m. - 10 :30 a.m. commodities at K of C Hall, 10 a.m. line dancing, 5:30 p.m. Burger King bingo.

Thursday, April 6 - Lunch-beef baked ziti, peas, corn, and peaches. Easter Dinner- baked ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, dinner roll, and apple pie ala mode. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. sharing our history group, 5 p.m. Easter dinner and egg hunt.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

District Health #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April.

Immunization clinics: April 5 and 19 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: April 5, 13, 17,19 - 20, 24, 26-27. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled April 18 in Grayling. Call 1-989-348-7800, ext. 8042. for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are being held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

Flu Clinics are available throughout April. Please call (989)-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Range Firing

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 30 - April 5, is as follows:

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Honors

Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College's chapter of the honor society Phi Theta Kappa, on March 17 inducted 28 students into its ranks during a candle-lit ceremony in the Student Center. There ceremony also honored the 34 students who became members during the fall semester.

The college's Alpha Omicron Gamma Chapter has been hosting an annual induction ceremony since the chapter was chartered in 1989, according to Kathy Koch, Kirtland's Phi Theta Kappa advisor.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, which promotes scholarship at two-year colleges in several countries, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of course work toward an associate's degree and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Students must also maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment in the two-year college.

Winter semester inductees include the following from Grayling: Brian Gomez, Eric Isaacsen, and Jamie Reed.

Students from Mio are: Emilee Bruner, Heather Barringer, Cassy Coon, and Stacy Sage.

Jason Briethaupt, Jacob Greene, Jessica Halverson, Marie Hampton, Kathleen Ledford, and Rachael Oppy are all from Roscommon.

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University recently announced Derek J. Gregorich, of Grayling, for the fall semester dean's list for students who earned at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale, being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Thank You, from the family of Fritz Niederer

When an accident happens and everyone is in shock, you really find out how great your community is. For the love and consideration expressed and showed our family, we thank you. A special thanks goes to the hospital's E.R. staff. You broke the news of our Loved Ones' death so very gently and then gave our family time to say our good-byes. We're sure you did not expect all the family and friends that kept coming and coming, but you took such wonderful care of each of us and we are so grateful. The Lockwoods also were wonderful, they helped us make those hard decisions and wept with us as we did so. The Sheriff and Under-Sheriff also helped us and we appreciate you all so much. To Pastor Barnett and our church family, your instant help, support and hard work will never be forgotten, we are humbled by your outpouring of love and support. To Pastor Milam of Houghton Lake, thank you for your prayers and support. To our family, you are the best. Thank you for your continued support. To our friends and neighbors, words seem inadequate to express all you said and did, but please know how very special you all are to us. We thank you all and invite you to join us in the spring when Daddy/Husband will be buried with Military Honors. Jesus welcomed our Loved One into Heaven on Mar. 15, 2006. While our hearts are broken for our earthly loss, we rejoice for Heaven's gain.

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David and Nancy Niederer



Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 70 complaints the week of March 20 - March 26: Five traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, three motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, five civil matters/family disputes, five suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 19 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, three false alarms, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three larcenies, one larceny from building, one fraudulent activities, three damage to properties, two drug/narcotic violations, four public peace/disorderlies, two health and safeties, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and five driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?" For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Grayling Police Report

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of March 19 - March 26:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, one traffic control, one motorist assist, two traffic warnings, two suspicious situations, one domestic violence complaint, one breaking and entering complaint, three larceny complaints, three juvenile complaints, two alarm complaints, one harassment complaint, two permits to purchase, two disturbing the peace complaints and 10 unclassified complaints.

Card of Thanks

Many heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation from our family to the doctors, staff, and nurses at the Grayling Nursing Centre and Mercy Hospital, and to the employees of MMR during Mary's illness.

Special thanks also to all the friends, neighbors, St. Francis Church, Eagles Club of Grayling, Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Woodland Motel, and all others that may not have been mentioned but you surely know who you are, for the prayers, support, food, flowers and donations during our difficult time. She truly would have been overwhelmed, as we were by the expressions of sympathy and caring.

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Boogie Woogie Babies will entertain with music from WWII

Winding up the 2005-06 series the Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will present the delightfully entertaining Boogie Woogie Babies on Thursday, April 13.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The Boogie Woogie Babies are back with a theatrical revue celebrating history and music of WWII through harmony, skits and trivia.

Francesca Amari is the creator of the Boogie Woogie Babies. She recently appeared with folk-legend Christine Lavin in NYC, and has trained and appeared with cabaret legends Andrea Marcovicci, Karen Mason (Bway's Mama Mia), Shelly Markham, Barry Kleinbort, and Craig Carnelia, composer of Working. She was a 2005 finalist in the prestigious American Traditions Vocal Competition for Savannah Music Festival and has appeared in national and regional theatre, "Thumbelina" and "Sword & Stone". In Michigan, she's appeared in "Pump Boys and Dinettes," " You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "Snoopy," "A... My name is Alice," "Taffetas" and many other productions. Amari teaches drama in Education at Grand Valley State University, and has taught and /or directed children's theatre at Western Michigan University, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, G.R. Civic Theatre, Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and for numerous schools and organizations.

Mary Rademacher is one of West Michigan's finest jazz vocalists. She toured overseas with the USO, appeared in dozens of West Michigan theatre productions, is a regional Star Search winner, a former Michigan State University Cheerleader, and is a busy choreographer, fitness trainer and performer. She entertains throughout Michigan and beyond as a vocalist; most recently at the prestigious Sun Valley, Idaho and Sacramento, Calif. jazz festivals, World Class Jazz Tours in Florida at Heidi's Jazz Club, and has opened for Bob Newhart. In addition to her own band, The Rad Pack (featuring Mark Kahny on keys), she performs regularly with The Night Band, 17 piece, and the Midtown Horns Band in clubs, casinos and for private or corporate events.

Barbara Wisse's silky voice has been heard on stages throughout West Michigan and she was featured on Circle Theatre's "Tapestry, The music of Carol King" CD. Wisse's singing styles run the gamut from advertising jingles to vocal jazz, from opera to musicals, from ensembles to solos. Her singing and studies have taken her to London and New York, but the musical theatre community in Grand Rapids is where she got her start. Wisse is also a Language and Fine Arts consultant for Grand Rapids Public Schools. She's performed her one woman cabaret act "Laughing Matters" to critical acclaim.

Mark Kahny, accompanist, is one of West Michigan's finest keyboard and vocal talents in demand by vocalists and bands alike. Originally from Cincinnati, Kahny studied classically at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, toured the country with the show band, Kops and Robbers, and is featured on many Cds. Kahny regularly is a headliner with World Class Jazz tours, performing throughout Northwest Michigan. He has worked with celebrities such as Red Buttons, Regis Philibin and Ray Charles.

For more information on this performance or a schedule for the upcoming series call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

This event is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA).



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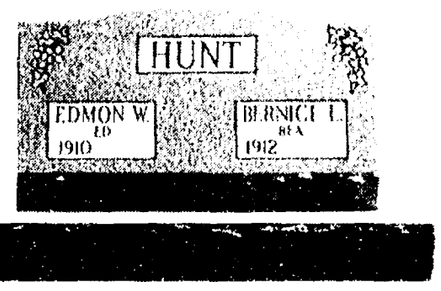
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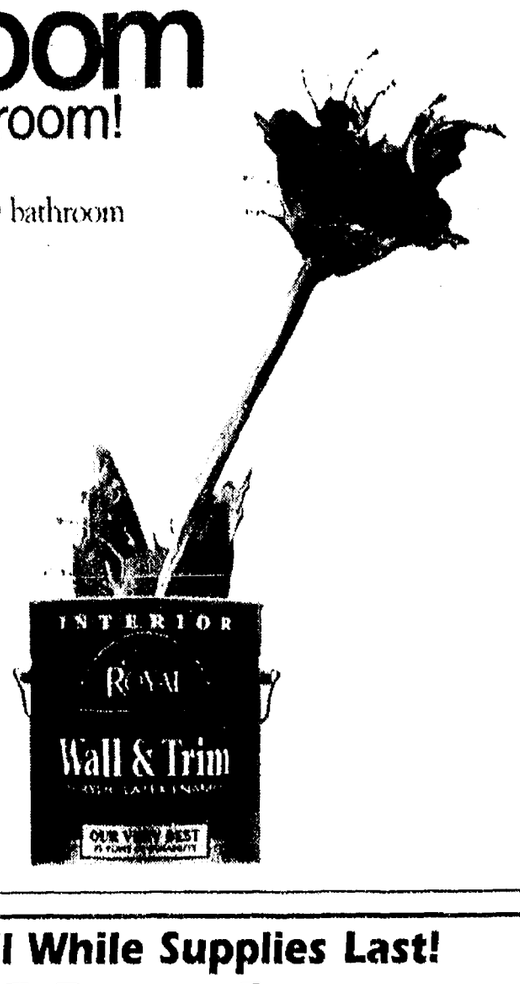
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VIEWPOINT

by Greg Paffhouse, CEO Northern Lakes CMH and Charlene White, President, Northwest Michigan Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Report provides fair assessment of Mental Health System
Mental health advocates and professionals agree

Michigan ranks eighth in the nation in its treatment of adults with serious mental illnesses, according to a report released last week by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

The report, "Grading the States: A Report on America's Health System for Serious Mental Illness" (available at www.nami.org), includes information gleaned from surveys of consumers and family members, subject-area experts, researchers, administrators, and clinicians, and focuses on the areas NAMI believes matter most to people with serious mental illnesses and their families. It is the first report issued by the grassroots advocacy organization in 15 years.

Michigan did not receive an A, but local mental health advocates and staff from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health feel the report is fair and accurate. Of 100 possible points, Michigan received 75, or a C+, compared to an overall grade of D for the nation. Only five states received a grade in the B range. The recommendations mirror those of other recent national mental health reports by the U.S. Surgeon General, the President's Freedom Commission on Mental Health, and the Governor's Mental Health Commission (reports available at www.northernlakescmh.org).

Charlene White, president of Northwest Michigan Chapter of NAMI, said Michigan's grade is hopeful given the current economic problems facing the state. "Given the statistics about Michigan's economy, and the increasing numbers of people who are experiencing depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses, we don't believe a C+ grade is bad. Of the 39 items reviewed in the study, Michigan received full points on 21 of them."

Greg Paffhouse, chief executive officer of the local public mental health authority, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, added that the NAMI report provides an important yardstick for the organization to examine as it continues to prioritize resources.

"We can learn a good deal from the NAMI report about what consumers and family members see as the most important priorities and what other states are doing that is proving successful. Collectively, NAMI, Northern Lakes CMH and other state organizations have been working together to create a recovery-based system of care which uses evidence-based practices. This is a high priority for our organization."

Paffhouse said he was proud of the organization's involvement in a number of the improvements the NAMI report noted, especially in the areas of consumer involvement and the recovery model of mental healthcare.

"Four individuals from our area have been asked to serve on the state's new Recovery Council to help transform the state's public mental system into one focused on recovery. We are also especially pleased that the new peer support specialist training program that we are administering in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health was singled out as a significant improvement for the state," said Paffhouse.

White added that the new family psychoeducation groups which Northern Lakes CMH recently began providing are a very welcome new improvement. "It's so important to involve family members in treatment. This kind of partnership among the person with a mental illness, their family, and CMH has been proven to be effective. We are very encouraged to see this and other evidence based practices being instituted locally."

"While the system is not perfect, we stand in support of the same issues and concerns as the people we serve. We need to remember the progress that has been made and continue to focus our efforts on improvement. The NAMI Grading the States Report has sparked some good dialogue around mental health issues with our local mental health advocate partners. We see it as a valuable tool in assessing our future direction," says Paffhouse.

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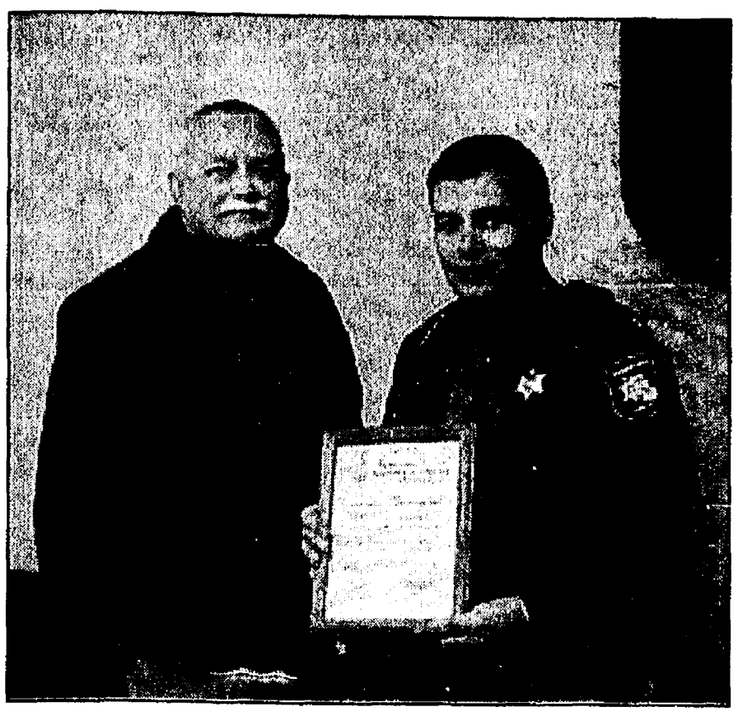
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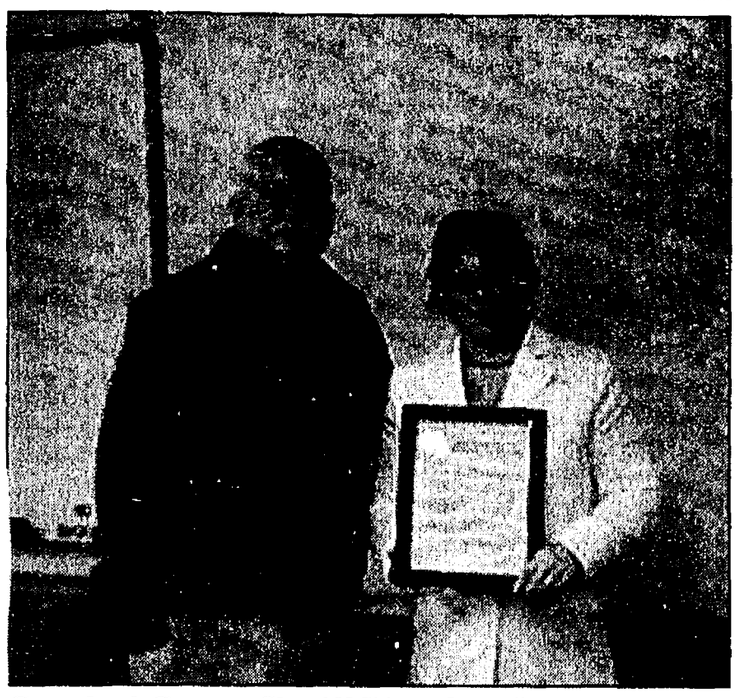
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SHERIFF'S AWARDS









Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield recently recognized his employees with his annual Sheriff's Awards during a ceremony held at the Grayling City/Township Fire Station. Above left, Deputy John McDonald received the 2005 Road Patrol Officer of the Year Award. Above right, Amanda Backus received the 2005 Corrections Officer of the Year Award. Below left, Corrections Officer Renee Christman received a Sheriff's Award of Excellence from Wakefield. Below Right, Deputy William Bonkowski also was honored with a Sheriff's Award of Excellence. Sheriff's Department employees presented Wakefield with his Sheriff of the Decade Award at the ceremony for his leadership and for spearheading the millage to fund the road patrol.

Weather Spotter and Safety program

A Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Gaylord will be in Grayling on Apr. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., to discuss Michigan weather and weather safety.

This program is intended for anyone interested in weather, weather safety, cloud features, thunderstorms and tornadoes. The presentation will last about two hours and consist of power point slides and videos. Included will be radar and video images of the Gaylord wind storm of 1998, the Posen hail event of 2004 and the Alpena flood of 1997.

After the meeting there will be time to speak one on one about local weather and individual concerns. Those wanting to become official National Weather Service spotters will be given a spotter card and an advanced spotter guide book.

This workshop is offered free to the public and all are welcome. The program is intended for persons of all ages. Seniors, school children and Ham Radio Clubs are encouraged to attend, as well as scouting groups.

The program will cover: Weather Safety-Description of weather threats/hazards; how to protect yourself; watches and warnings.

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Cherven receives Citizens Bank's President's Club Award

Citizens Bank announced that mortgage loan originator Bonnie E. Cherven of Roscommon has received the President's Club Award for mortgage loan productivity for 2005.

The award is presented annually to originators who excel in both loan closings and dollar production. Citizens Banking Corporation currently has 80 loan originators, with only three receiving the President's Club Award. Cherven's efforts resulted in the closing of residential mortgages totaling $15.1 million in the Grayling market.

"We are pleased to have a person of Bonnie's dedication and commitment as a member of our mortgage team," said Gary Glaza, Citizens Bank's regional president for Northern Michigan. "She has also demonstrated product knowledge and service that has led to strong customer loyalty."



Bonnie E. Cherven

Cherven has nine years of experience in mortgage services, and is located at the Grayling downtown office, 305 Michigan Ave.

Citizens Banking Corporation is a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage, trust, and financial planning services to a broad client base. Citizens Banking Corporation serves markets through Citizens Bank offices in Michigan and Wisconsin, and through F&M Bank offices in Iowa. Citizens Banking Corporation has roots going back to 1871 in Flint, and is the second-largest bank holding company headquartered in Michigan. Citizens is the 62nd largest bank holding company in the United States, with assets of $7.8 billion as of Dec. 31, 2005. More information about Citizens Banking Corporation is available at www.citizensonline.com.

Sno-Trac Village to add recreational trailers

A Lovells campground with four decades of experience providing a winter playground for snowmobile enthusiasts has hired an Elkhart company to build recreational trailers which will stand up to winter conditions.

Ron Mavis, the owner of the Sno-Trac Village, has hired New Generation Park Models to custom design 400-square foot units that can withstand winter weather and can be used year-round.

"We're rather exited about the whole thing," Mavis said. "They build to our floor plan and to our specifications."

The park models sell for just under $43,000 and can be placed on campsites that Mavis has made available to lease from $4,000 to $4,500 per year, depending on their location. The more expensive sites have a view of west branch of the Big Creek, while the more reasonable sites are located in the woods.

Mavis and his business partner, Ken Distel, were originally going to market the same vacation home concepts using site-built cabins. But when they learned that building permits alone would cost $800 for each cabin, they opted instead to install park trailers which can be placed on the property without building permits.

Mavis is initially marketing nine park models, but has room to add 11 more, depending on demand.

Sno-Trac Village draws snowmobile enthusiasts from throughout Michigan as well as Ohio and Indiana.

"We cater to weekenders," Mavis said.

Motorists can help MDOT improve Michigan roads with toll-free pothole hotline

Freezing and thawing cycles can produce potholes this time of year when weather starts to take a toll on our roads. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has a toll-free number available for motorists to report potholes they observe on state roads. Information about trouble also can be e-mailed to the department. Reports of potholes on state roads (M, I and U.S. roads only) will be rerouted to the nearest MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC).

"The pothole hotline is an easy and efficient way for residents to help us identify potholes which need to be repaired on state roads," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We are committed to fixing potholes as quickly as possible in order to ensure a smoother, more dependable ride for everyone who uses roads maintained by MDOT."

To report a pothole, call 888-296-4546, around-the-clock, seven days a week, or use the "Report Pothole" link on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Those reporting pothole locations are asked to provide the route name (M, U.S. or I designation), the county, the nearest community, and the closest cross street or interchange. Potholes on on-state roads should be reported to local road commissions since MDOT does not have jurisdiction over roads that are not part of the state system.

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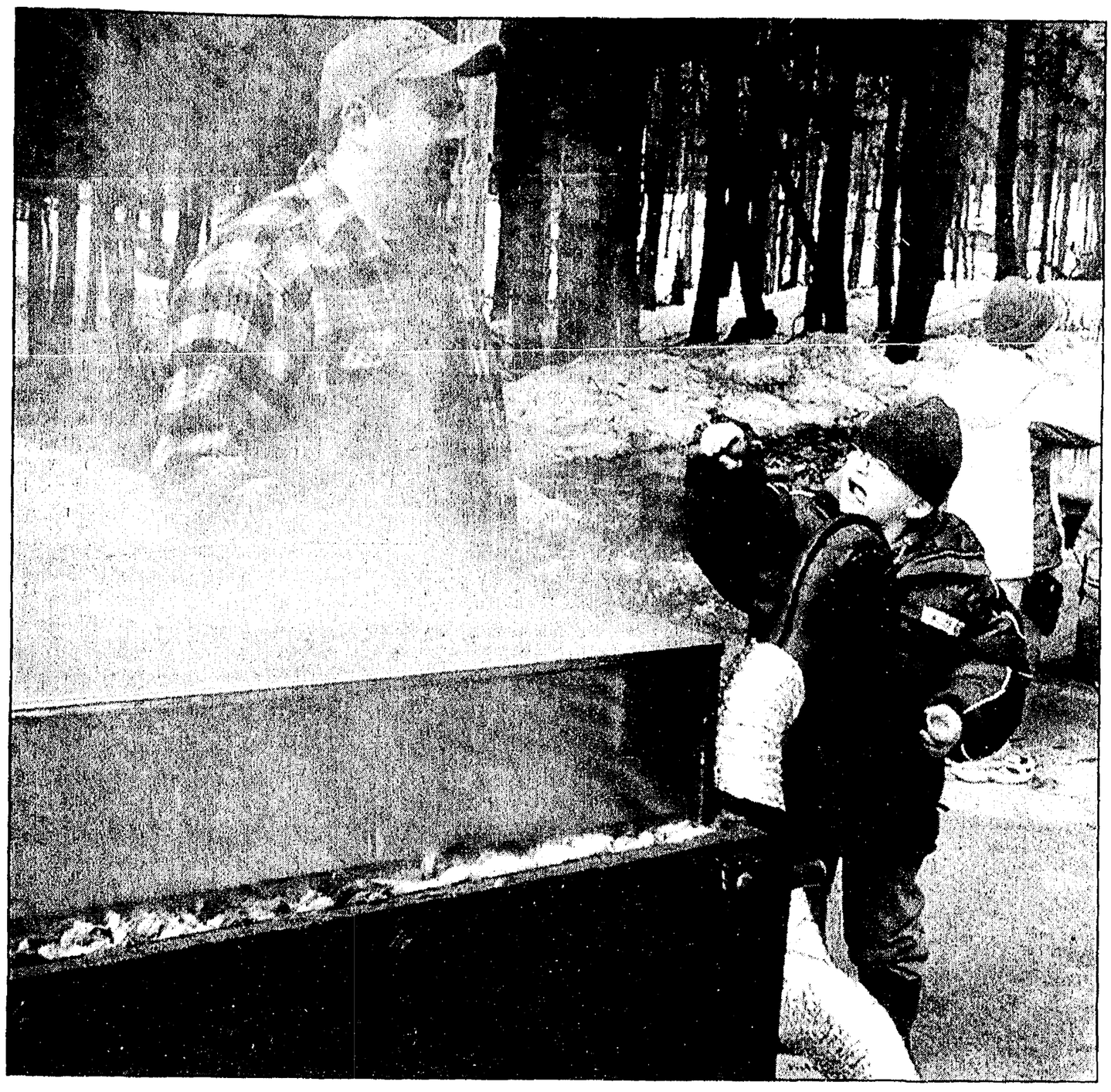


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Maple Syrup Day was held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday. Park visitors learned how maple trees are tapped, observed how maple sap is boiled down to make maple syrup and kids took part in children's activities. Above, Jay Reynolds, 7, of Lansing helps stoke the fire of the maple syrup cooker while Rob Burg, the historian at Hartwick Pines State Park, explains that it takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.

I-75 Business Loop rehab project slated

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trips and businesses are preparing for the upcoming tourism season.

The project was a factor for at least one business which has opted to close its doors while the work is completed.

Carol Bennett-Carney, the owner of the Moose Pub, formerly Patti's Towne House, will close for the entire month of April.

The Moose Pub is marking its first year in business and will take the time to do some remodeling projects while the bridge work is underway.

"Once we heard that it was going to close for a month - it was a no-brainer for us," Bennett said. "They're rerouting the traffic around us and we just won't have the business that we would normally have."

Misty Ankney, general manager for the Day's Inn, said the hotel typically operates with less staff this time of year. She said she is anticipating lower occupancy rates because there will be less walk-in customers.

"We've suggested that some of the employees take their vacation time and have made our regulars aware of the detour," Ankney said.

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Visitors Bureau and Crawford County Economic Development Partnership officials worked with MDOT representatives on sign plans to inform motorists on how they can get to the business district for food, gas and lodging.

"We have tried to be as proactive as possible by working with MDOT so we would have some say on the bridge closure," said Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Felt, spokesperson for MDOT, said flyers have been distributed informing people of the detour and additional signs will be in place to inform motorists of the changes.

"We have done everything we can do for those three weeks while the bridge will be closed," Felt said. "People will have to make slightly different plans, it may take them a little longer, but they will still be able to get where they need to go."

Kirtland to reward student leader with new scholarship

Kirtland Community College announces it is offering its first Leadership Scholarship, designed to recognize and reward the Kirtland Community College student who most exemplifies leadership on campus and/or in one of the communities in the large Kirtland district.

To be considered for the scholarship a candidate must be a current KCC student, full or part time, and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. Applications can be downloaded at kirtland.edu/finaid/scholarships.htm, or picked up in the college's Student Services Office.

The application, along with a letter(s) of recommendation or other documentation that supports the leadership activities referenced, must be returned to Jo Ann Gave in the Student Services Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14.

Applications may be hand delivered, e-mailed to gavej@kirtland.edu, or mailed to Jo Ann Gave, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Money for the scholarship, which will be awarded annually, is donated by Kirtland employees who give $1 for every Friday at work during which they wear blue jeans or KCC apparel.

All scholarship applicants are invited to attend the Student Leadership Brunch hosted Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m. in the Student Center, where the name of the scholarship recipient will be announced.

Questions can be directed to Gave in the Student Services Office or at 989-275-5000, ext. 289.

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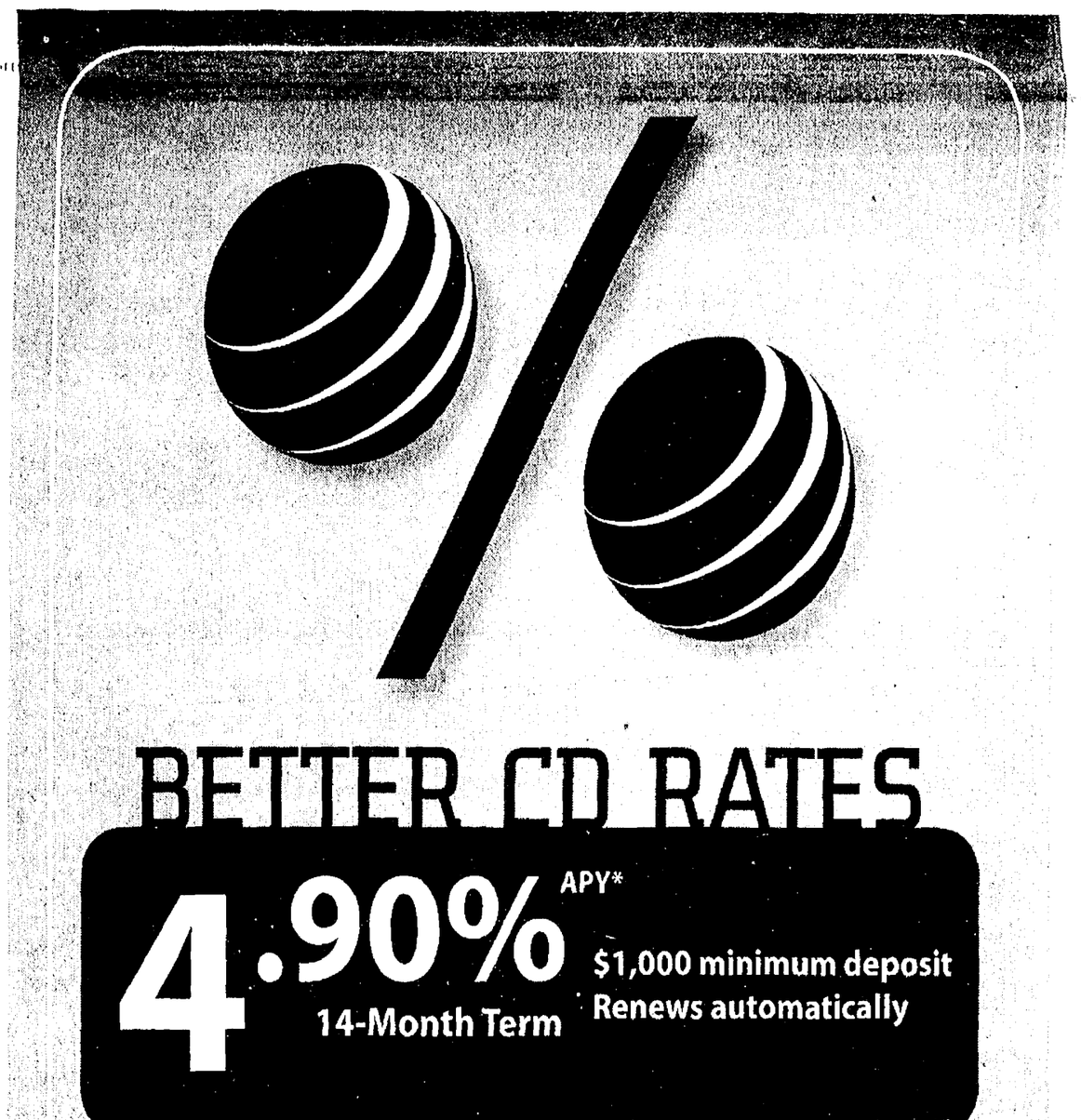
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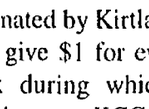
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Smart Track for kids offers effective strategies for healthy living

With countless Americans focusing on weight management and improving their health, perhaps one of the most effective strategies for reversing the obesity epidemic is to focus on prevention.

Otsego Memorial Hospital's new Smart Track program helps young children and their families get on the right track for building healthy habits. Smart Track is a 5-week educational program for children in 4th, 5th or 6th grades, accompanied by at least one parent. Led by an OMH dietitian and social worker, Smart Track uses fun activities to help participants identify healthy habits that can result in positive life style changes. Families learn to support each other and work together to set goals for making changes that stick.

"Smart Track is not a weight loss program," said Jeanne Steil, MSW, social worker at Otsego Memorial Hospital. The goal is to empower families to make better and more informed decisions about their food choices and activity levels.

"The focus of our class is to educate families about all the factors that contribute to our eating and activity habits," Steil said. "We consider issues of self esteem, family dynamics, nutritional guidelines, and the emotional connection that we develop with food. We also help parents recognize the importance of setting limits, role modeling and managing stress in hopes of promoting healthier lifestyles."

"It's important to give solid, practical tips which can be incorporated into daily life," said Eileen Mikus, RD, CDE, a registered dietitian at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "Making good choices at the grocery store isn't as easy as it sounds. We review healthy cooking tips and shopping strategies, and even discuss how sitting down to eat together as a family can make changes that go far beyond calorie and fat intake."

While many people want a list of what to eat or what not to eat, Mikus said healthy choices are not that black and white. "We don't want to label foods as good for you or bad for you," she said. "The key, for both children and adults, is to recognize that moderation and portion control go a long way to helping individuals maintain a healthy weight. Restricting whole types of foods from the diet in order to bring about change rarely results in long-term benefits or improved health."

Smart Track, developed by Mikus, Steil and other healthcare professionals at OMH, is the result of the Hospital's strategic initiative to make positive changes to the health of the community, particularly in the area of childhood obesity.

"It's easier to prevent obesity than to treat it," Steil said. "Obesity and being overweight at any age can impact every aspect of a person's life, and it can lead to many serious health conditions. Our goal is to reach children who are at risk and help families identify methods they can use to increase physical activity and use food as a fuel source rather than consolation or reward."

Smart Track is a five-week program, which begins at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5. Please call (989) 731-7979 and leave a message to register for the program. Mikus will return your call with additional information about Smart Track. Children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades are eligible to participate and must be accompanied by at least one adult. The cost of the program is $60 per family.

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Do you know what to do if you witness a cardiac emergency or someone choking? On Saturday, April 1, Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) will teach interested laypersons how to respond to such emergencies by offering a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class. The training is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA) and is available to community members at a reduced cost - only $5 per person.

The class is offered twice on April 1, in the Otsego Memorial Hospital classroom. The morning session is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the afternoon is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to participate, call 989-731-2193 to register.

Cardiovascular disease is the nation's number one killer and many deaths—about 250,000 per year—occur suddenly and without warning due to sudden cardiac arrest. A victim of sudden cardiac arrest is likely to die within minutes if CPR and defibrillation do not occur. CPR can add critical minutes to a sudden cardiac arrest victim's life by pumping blood and oxygen to vital organs such as the heart, brain and lungs. The majority of all sudden cardiac arrests occur at home and the chance of one's survival is increased dramatically if someone knows and performs CPR properly.

"Taking a CPR class is a great opportunity for residents to learn a skill that may save the life of a friend or family member. It is a vital, life-saving skill that everyone should know. When your spouse, parent or child's life is on the line, the training allows you to overcome your fear and act quickly and confidently," said Dave Duncan, OMH CPR instructor.

Instructors train participants following the course structure for the American Heart Association's Family and Friends course. Be advised that this is a layperson's community CPR course and does not meet CPR certification requirements of employment or required professional credentials. The course is about three hours and is based on the American Heart Association's guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care.

In addition to the training of local residents, more than six million people have CPR training through the American Heart Association's life support courses each year. They are provided through a network of 3,500 training centers and 250,000 instructors and are available year-round.

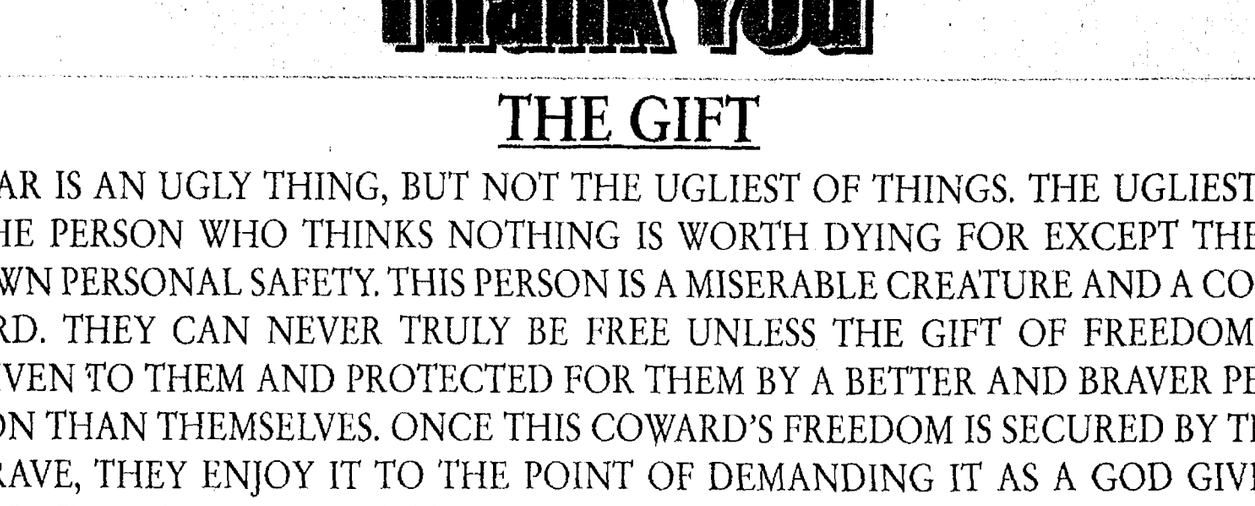
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OMH offers quit tobacco workshop

If you are a cigarette smoker and have tried to quit smoking, you have first-hand knowledge of the challenges of beating this addiction. If you follow the research, you also know that it can be done if you keep on trying. To help area residents who wish to quit smoking, Otsego Memorial Hospital Community Education is offering the Quit Smoking Workshop developed by Kaiser Permanente.

This three-session workshop helps participants develop an individual quit plan, and is designed for those who are interested in quitting tobacco and need a little extra help from a group setting. The course offers important information about the damaging effects of tobacco on the body and provides strategies to quit smoking and to prevent relapse.

"Because smoking can so severely complicate an individual's long-term health, Otsego Memorial Hospital is now offering both Freedom From Smoking and the Quit Tobacco Workshop. We also offer a Tobacco Cessation Support Group for those who are interested. We want to reach as many people as possible and provide assistance to those who wish to become tobacco-free," said Darla Edwards, a facilitator for the Quit Tobacco Workshop.

"This program will benefit those attempting to quit for the first time, as well as provide a refresher for those who have tried to quit before and wish to try again," Edwards said. "Because the session is less in-depth than previous courses and meets only three times, we feel it may appeal to more people."

Information about a variety of tobacco cessation aids will be discussed, such as the nicotine patch and Bupropion (Zyban) will be presented. The workshop facilitators will explain how addiction works, what resources are available to smokers and it will help participants develop a personalized quitting plan.

"It's a very non-stressful, user-focused workshop," said Edwards. "It's not only for people who are taking their first step toward becoming smoke-free, it's also for anyone who has ever thought of giving up smoking," she said.

The Quit Tobacco Workshop sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays, April 12, 19 and 26 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in the classroom. The cost is $40 per person. Don't put it off any longer. Take that first step now and register for the class. "We will provide you with the tools that you need to be successful in your quit smoking effort," Edwards said.



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Basketball squad announces team, all-league awards

Four Vikings earn all-conference honors for 2005-06 season; VanNuck named MVP

The GHS varsity boys basketball squad recently announced its team award winners and all-conference selections for the 2005-06 season.

Four Vikings earned all-league recognition this year: Eli VanNuck (first team), Bobby Starks (first team), Jim Boylan (honorable mention), and Reagan Schmidt (honorable mention).

As a team, Grayling finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference this year with an 11-3 league record.

The Vikings announced their team awards at the squad's recent end-of-the-season banquet:

Most Valuable Player: VanNuck;

Most Improved: Ryan Feldhauser;

Mr. Hustle: Schmidt;

Mr. Defense: Schmidt.

VanNuck led the team in points (479, 20.8 per game), steals (96), three-pointers (33), and three-point percentage (35 percent). He was second on the team in deflections with 180 and shot 56 percent from two-point range. VanNuck also received all-state honorable mention recognition from the *Detroit Free Press*.

Starks was second on the team in points (215), assists (65), and rebounds (155). He led the Vikings in defensive deflections with 182 and finished third on the team in steals with 70. He shot 33 percent from three-point range, hitting 27 of 83 attempts.

Boylan led Grayling with 181 rebounds and tied Mike Boylan for the team lead in blocked shots with 26. J. Boylan was the squad's third leading scorer with 182 points and finished with the team's best two-point shooting percentage at 59 percent.

Schmidt was second on the team in steals (72) and third in deflections (172). He led Grayling in assists with 91 and had 181 points this year.

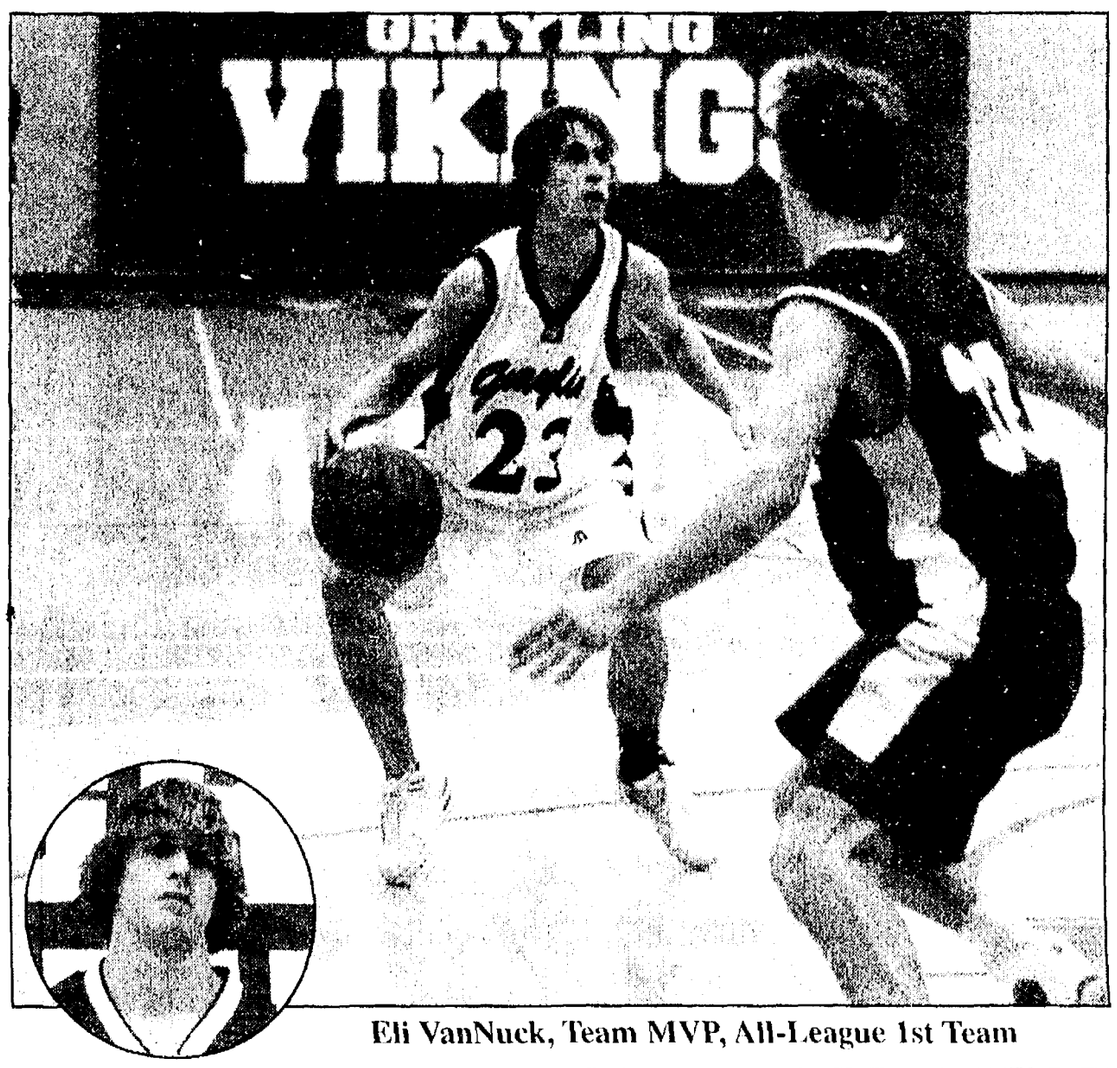
Feldhauser was second on the team in blocked shots (9) and three-point shooting percentage (33 percent). He had 108 points and 36 steals this season.

M. Boylan was third on the team in rebounding with 149 boards and third in two-point percentage at 50 percent. He tied J. Boylan for the team lead in shot blocking with 26. M. Boylan led GHS with a 75 percent free throw percentage. He finished with 128 total points.

Zach Dean was third on the team in free throw shooting (72 percent). He had 124 rebounds and 83 points in 2005-06.

Steve Hodge was third on the team in assists with 61. He scored 130 points and finished with 28 steals.

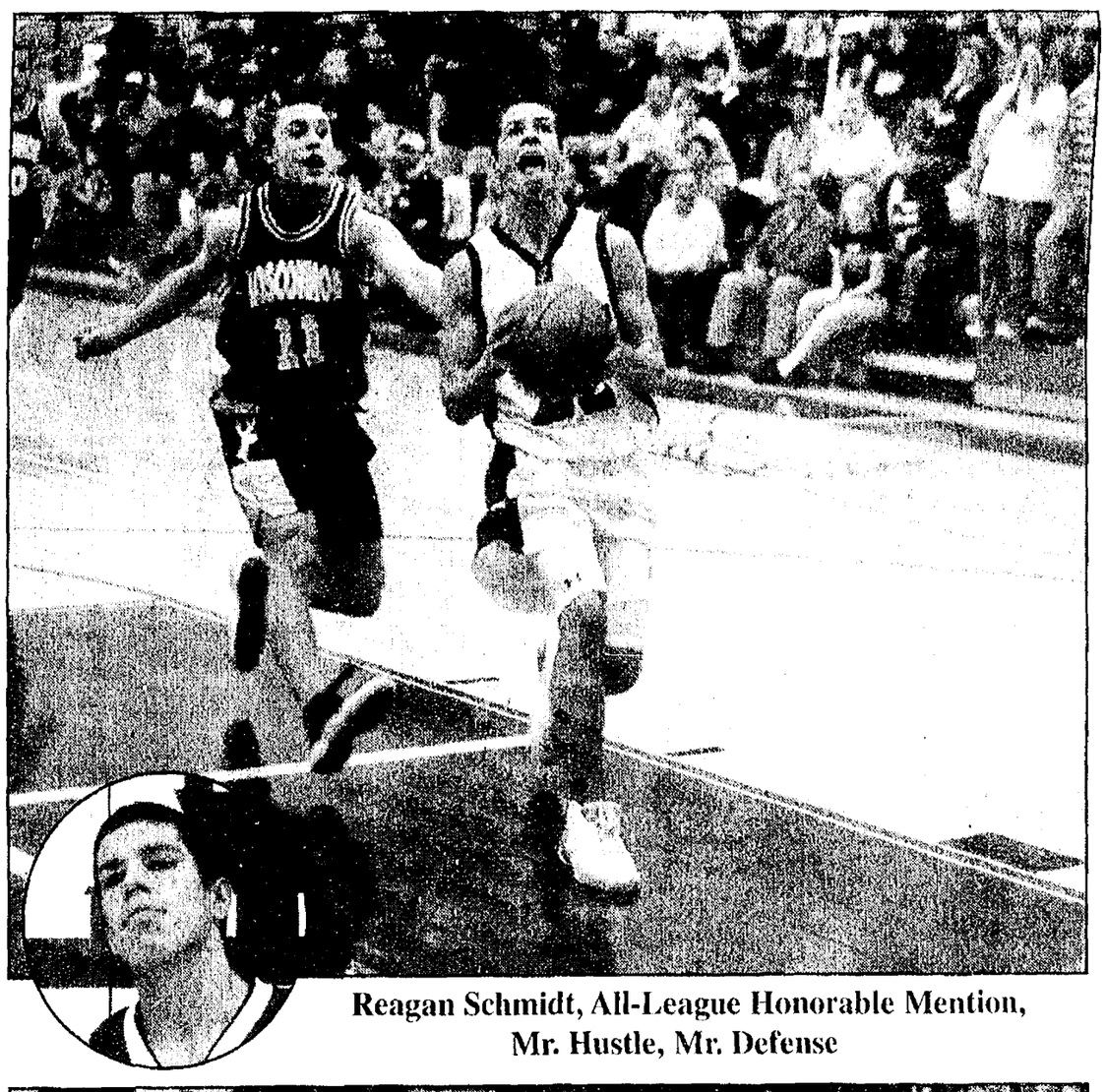
As a group, the Vikings received team academic all-state recognition this year from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.



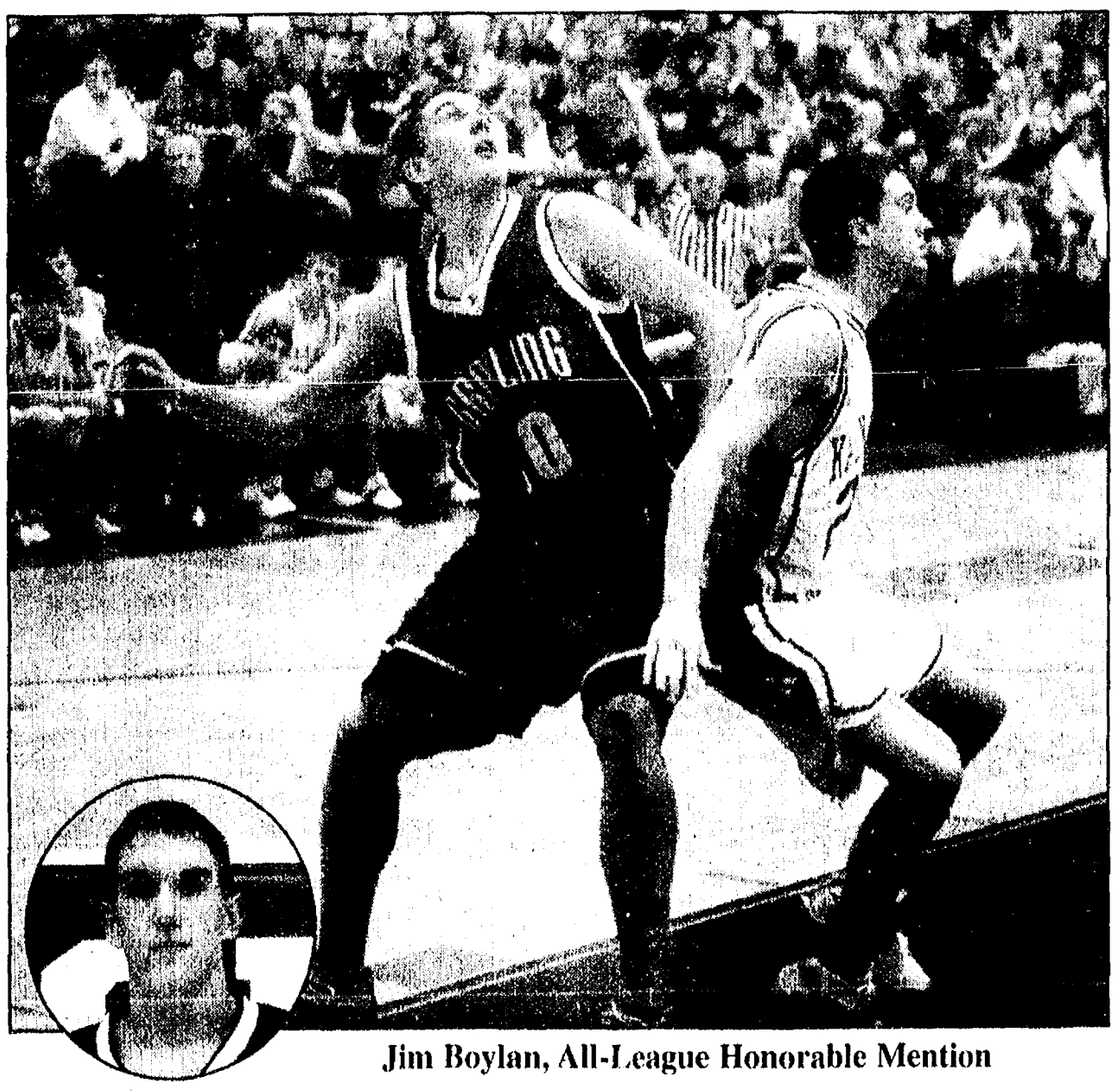
Eli VanNuck, Team MVP, All-League 1st Team



Bobby Starks, All-League 1st Team



Reagan Schmidt, All-League Honorable Mention, Mr. Hustle, Mr. Defense



Jim Boylan, All-League Honorable Mention



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Local skiers compete in cross country race at Roscommon

Several local skiers – including a team from the Cross Country Ski Shop of Grayling – competed in the Michigan Cup Relays, a cross country ski race hosted by the Cross County Ski Headquarters in Roscommon on Saturday, March 18. The event featured 51 teams and 153 racers.

In the final team standings, the Strait Striders edged Cross County Ski Headquarters 4,528 points to 4,521 for first place honors. Team NordicSkiRacer.com came in third with 3,216 points.

"Snow cover at the Cross Country Ski Headquarters was great – skiers were surprised after seeing little or no snow in the surrounding area. In the 20s under bright sunny skies and a mild breeze, each skier raced two 3.2-km laps before tagging off the next skier in their relay team," event organizers said.

The fastest relay time of the day went to the Team NordicSkiRacer.com – Yvon Dufour, Dave Fanslow, and Steve Kuhl – with a total time of 37:29. Another all-male team from the Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Team – Christian Byar, Melzar Coulter, and Dell Todd – finished second fastest with a time of 38:36. A coed team consisting of Hugh Pritchard, Julie Houle, and Mike Muha finished third overall in 39:23.

"The first leg of the relay was limited to classic technique, which turned out to be very problematic to many skiers. Parts of the tracks were icy, making purchase difficult. Many skiers had to run up the center of hills to find softer snow or, if they still didn't have kick, double pole the up hills," event organizers said. "The second and third legs were freestyle – skiers could choose to skate or classic ski."

"Henry Lehman, Cross County Ski Headquarters chief groomer, did an excellent job grooming the trail. Nick Baic, Don Mick, Bob Hagerman, Darcia Little, Joe Little and many volunteers did a great job with the timing and race registration," event organizers said.

Final team standings for the Michigan Cup Relays:

1) Straits Striders 4,528; 2) Cross County Ski Headquarters 4,521; 3) Team NordicSkiRacer.com 3,254; 4) Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Team 1,543; 5) Cross Country Ski Shop 847; 6) Outside Edge 192; Odders Den 115.

(Place, Team, Name 1, Split 1, 1st Rank, Name 2, Split 2, 2nd Rank, Name 3, Split 3, 3rd Rank, Time, Overall Rank, Relay Points)

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2. NSR.com – Joann Cavaletto 0:20:20, 28, Bill Haeffner 0:16:08, 24, Tim Feldkamp 0:14:01, 13, 0:50:29, 23, 429;

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4. SS – Hugh Melling 0:19:33, 26, Kathy Biggs 0:19:07, 41, Steve Biggs 0:17:39, 41, 0:56:19, 38, 286;

5. SS – Emily Meyerson 0:22:47, 40, Sam Sharp 0:17:18, 35, Dave Irish 0:16:54, 36, 0:56:59, 39, 214;

6. XCSH – Debi Weir 0:31:29, 49, Kay Drysdale 0:17:56, 38, Rick Neier 0:15:38, 30, 1:05:03, 45, 143;

7. XCSH – Marv Stevenson 0:27:52, 47, Dianne Patterson 0:19:08, 42, Larry Mergentine 0:24:09, 49, 1:11:09, 47, 71;

Coed 59 & Under

1. XCSH – Katerina Gulledge 0:19:13, 24, Kaitlyn Patterson, 0:17:00, 34, Stew Upton 0:14:02, 14, 0:50:15, 21, 500;

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2. SS – Chris Weingartz 0:13:52, 4, Daniela Gebhardt 0:14:31, 10, Greg Putalik 0:12:36, 3, 0:40:59, 5, 444;

3. GRNST – Missy Peuhl-Weisner 0:17:02, 19, Stuart Picard 0:15:07, 13, Mike Seamon 0:13:54, 12, 0:46:03, 12, 389;

4. XCSH – Ben Caldwell 0:15:36, 13, Gussie Peterson 0:15:10, 14, Mike Temkin 0:15:32, 29, 0:46:18, 13, 333;

5. SS – Steve Rudolph 0:15:29, 11, Linda Atkins 0:18:51, 39, Jeff Moore 0:15:07, 24, 0:49:27, 19, 278;

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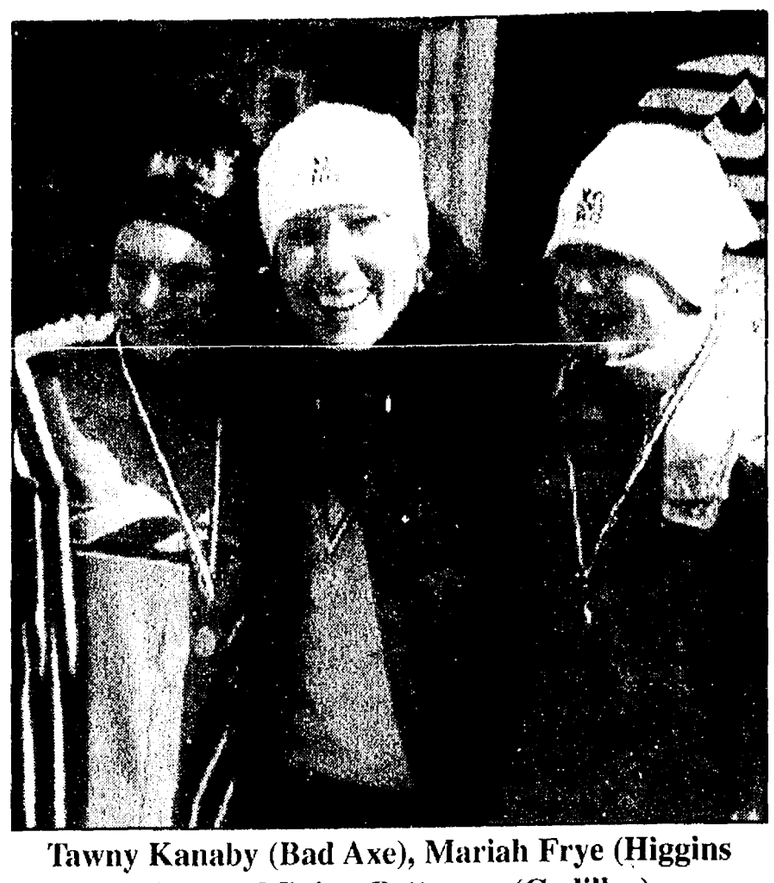
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Tawny Kanaby (Bad Axe), Mariah Frye (Higgins Lake), and Britta Patterson (Cadillac), 1st place 0-59 women's division



Fran Upton (Higgins Lake), Adrian Waltz (Ann Arbor), and Lynne Frye (Higgins Lake), 2nd place 60-149 women's division



Start of the 2006 Michigan Cup Relays on March 18 at Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon

Grayling's (Unites States Bowling Congress) Youth League would like to take this time to say, "Thank You" to the American Legion Post 106 and the Grayling Youth Booster Club for money donated to purchase new bowling balls, t-shirts, and awards for the Youth Bowling Leagues. We had a great season and look forward to next year.





We also had a great turn-out. The Pee Wee League (4-8 year olds) had 21 bowlers. The Juniors (9-12 year olds) had 32 bowlers and the Seniors (14 and older) had 7 bowlers.

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Great Lakes cruises gain popularity

by Jennifer Linn
Capital News Service

A hundred years ago, cruising on the Great Lakes was a popular vacation.

Could it be making a comeback?

"Americans are concentrating more on domestic travel over the last few years," said Maria Prezioso, marketing director of the American Canadian Caribbean Line, a company that runs overnight cruises on U.S. inland waters.

"Why cruise anywhere? It's enjoyable," Prezioso said.

Michigan's landscapes, lighthouses, historic sites and architecture are big attractions for many travelers.

Some port cities don't plan anything special for tourists who come ashore, but other places, like Marquette, are trying to show what makes their city special.

The cruise ship, The Columbus, operated by Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, has been coming to Marquette for three years.

Pat Black, executive director of the Marquette Country Convention and Visitors Bureau, said her office is putting together itineraries for tourists when they come ashore. She recently sent several of her employees to a seminar to learn how to attract cruises to their community.

Most Great Lakes cruises operate in late summer and early fall.

"In late September we have all of this spectacular fall color going on," said Black.

Tours of mining operations, lighthouses and trips to iron ore industry and maritime museums are on the list of things to do in the Marquette area.

The 205-cabin Columbus is the largest cruise ship on the Great Lakes, and generally carries passengers who are not from Michigan. For example, a large number of Germans visit the Great Lakes on that ship, Black said, and students in local high school German classes meet with tourists.

"Down the road, I can see Marquette really getting into it," she said. "The development downtown will be really appealing."

When guests arrive in port, it's up to them to decide what activities they will participate in. They can go on guided tours, explore local arts and crafts or travel independently.

Ports are picked based on points of interest, said Prezioso.

American Canadian Caribbean Line offers Great Lakes cruises of six to 10 nights, beginning in Chicago, with stops in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Michigan ports include Manistee, Mackinaw City and Sault Ste. Marie.

The company has been in operation for 40 years, and has been touring the Great Lakes since then. When the company started, it offered a trip through Lake Ontario, but that was discontinued.

Currently four to five cruise ships tour the Great Lakes each year.

Passengers have seen the Great Lakes from cruise ships since the early 1900s, when it was a faster way to get to Michigan's vacation destinations than driving. Some overnight cruises from Chicago to Michigan were popular for couples on their honeymoon.

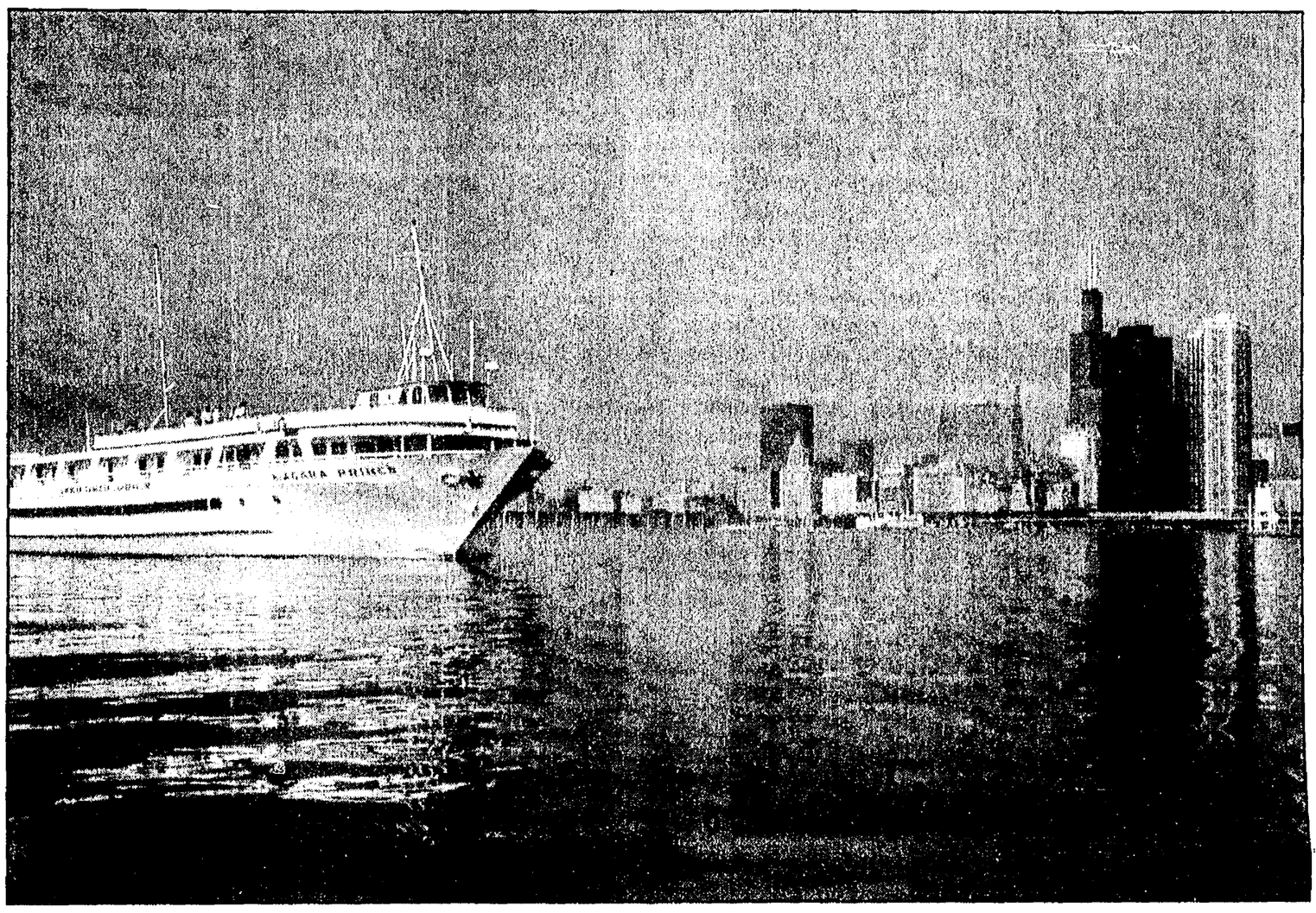


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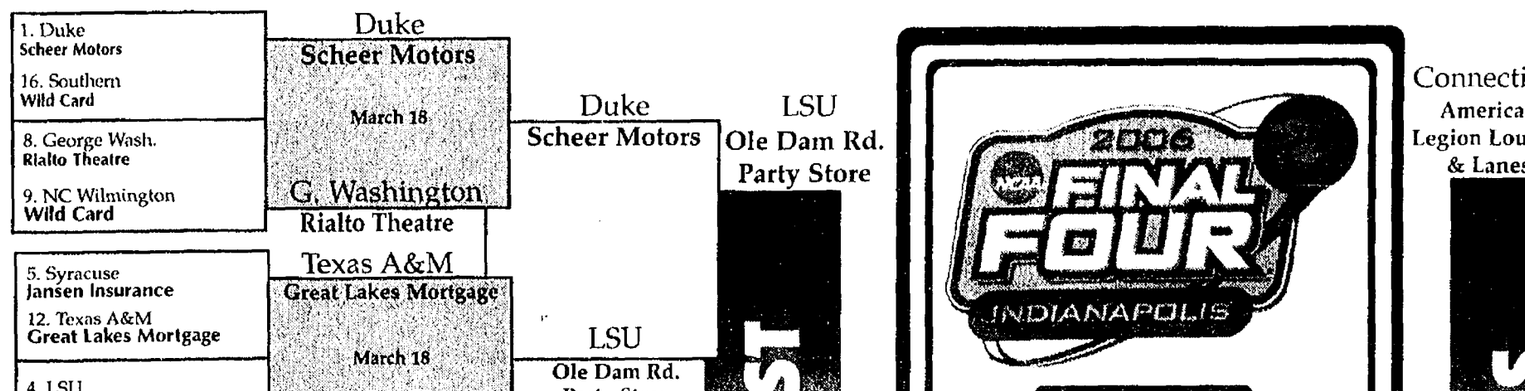


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Local skiers compete in cross country race at Roscommon

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3. GRNST – George Peuhl 0:14:33, 8, P. Johnson 0:15:11, 15, Steve Smegiel 0:15:01, 22, 0:44:45, 11, 423;

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6. SS – Darwin Gilbert 0:22:46, 39, Bob Kuhn 0:15:18, 17, Dave Ide 0:14:19, 16, 0:52:23, 27, 308;

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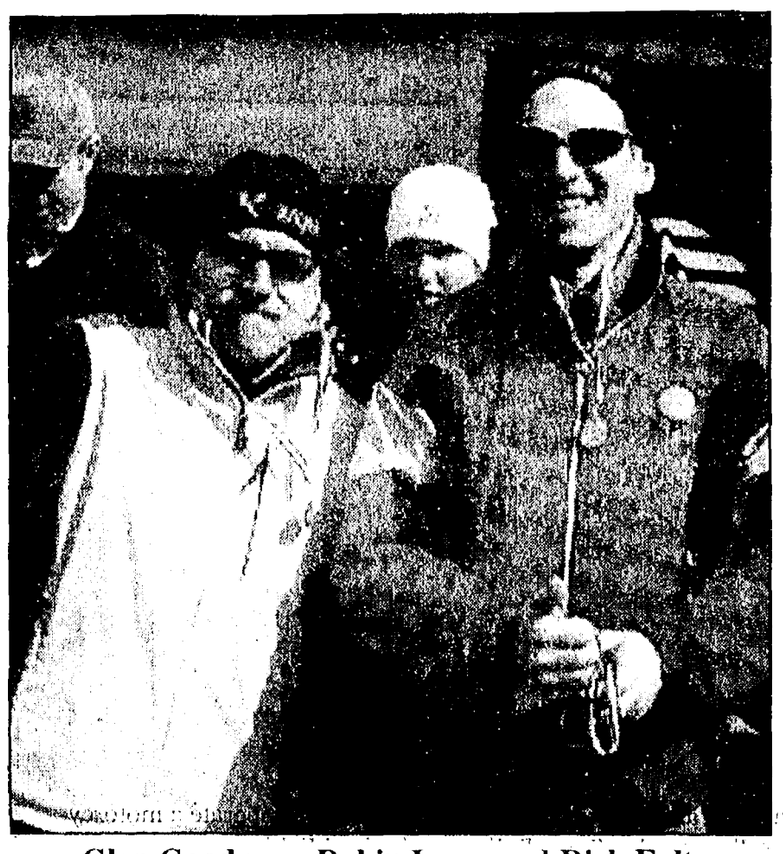
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2006 Michigan Cup winning team: "Straits Striders"



Glen Goodman, Robin Luce, and Dick Fultz (not pictured, Higgins Lake/Grayling), 2nd Place 150+ men's division



Jim Frye (Higgins Lake), Daniel Temkin (Troy), and J.J. Upton (Higgins Lake), 1st place 0-59 boys' division



Stew Upton (Higgins Lake), Katerina Gulledge (Higgins Lake), and Kaitlyn Patterson (Cadillac), 1st place 0-59 coed division

Bill would limit cuts in physical education

by Sandra Kao
Capital News Service

Val Rossman, an elementary physical education teacher at Coburn Accelerated Elementary in Battle Creek, understands the importance of daily exercise.

Unfortunately, she knows many children in her district "aren't getting it at home" and they aren't getting much in school, either.

Many exercise only at school where they receive 45 minutes of physical education twice a week, below the recognized suggestions of 30 minutes daily.

Now she's worried that these children could get even less than the 90 minutes a week they are getting now, with her district facing budget constraints and looking for areas to cut.

"That's one thing they're looking at cutting now," she said of physical education.

State law requires all public schools to teach physical education, but the length, frequency of instruction, and grade levels at which instruction is provided is left to local discretion.

However, they couldn't offer less than one hour a week under a bill recently introduced in the Senate. Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township, would require 30 minutes at least twice a week for students in grades K-5. The bill establishes a modest minimum, George said.

George said concerns about Michigan's obesity epidemic combined with evidence that physical education has dramatically decreased over the decades prompted the legislation.

Some health and physical fitness experts assert that the bill is a good start for bringing physical education back into the schools but say they would like to see legislation to mandate even more instruction time for physical education. Schools should provide it daily or about 150 minutes per week, they argue.

"Our goal here is to help build healthy children and we know that physical education in tandem with good nutrition helps to create a healthier youth," said Anne Ramsby, executive director of the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"A healthy student is mentally, physically and nutritionally well. They're all tied together. But if you don't have that, the students tend not to perform as well as they should."

About three-fourths of schools don't offer the recommended national standard of daily physical education, and many schools don't meet George's proposed minimum, Ramsby said.

But she concedes that many schools do surpass the proposed minimum requirement. Among them are the five elementary schools at Three Rivers.

"We exceed the legislation," said Roger Rathburn, superintendent of Three Rivers Community Schools, who said he was surprised that not all school districts were doing the proposed minimum of 30 minutes twice per week if this legislation had to be introduced.

Elementary schools in Three Rivers presently have physical education 40 minutes twice a week in addition to two different recess periods, Rathburn said. He has found that students perform better in the classroom when they get more physical activity.

Cutting back on physical education is something he would never consider, he said because motor skills and being physically fit are just as vital.

"We have to focus on development of the child in the totality," he said.

With motorcycle deaths up, safety causes could help, expert says

by Jacquelyn Halas
Capital News Service

Motorcycle deaths and the number of registered bikes are on the rise while overall traffic fatalities are on the decline, according to the State Police. The number of motorcycle accidents increased by 5.5 percent while fatalities have more than doubled from 79 in 2004 to 122 last year.

Steve Lick, program coordinator for Allegan Intermediate Safety Program, said that the grim trend could be curtailed by tighter restrictions on license endorsement requirements.

"It would be good legislation, but hard to enforce," said Lick. "Do officers stop every cyclist to see if they're endorsed? You need a reason to stop someone -- you can't just stop someone to see if they have an endorsement."

To legally operate a motorcycle in Michigan, an operator must be 18, pass a written test at the local Secretary of State office and also pass either a rider skills test by an independent agency or a motorcycle safety course approved by the Department of State or Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Lick predicted there would be fewer accidents if more motorcyclists took a safety course instead of simply passing the skills test.

The Allegan program is expected to train more than 600 students this year for motorcycle endorsements. Demand for classes already exceeds its capacity.

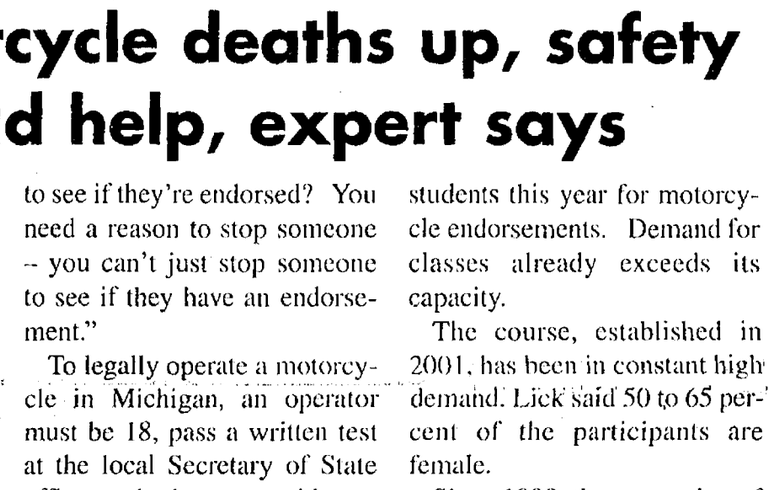
The course, established in 2001, has been in constant high demand. Lick said 50 to 65 percent of the participants are female.

Since 1998, the proportion of women bikers has increased nationally by 36 percent, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

"Women accept better coaching than men, who have ego problems," Lick said. "Older guys are more set in their ways and wouldn't come as much on their own personal time. That's my personal observation."

Honors – Sports

Local skier, Jon Handy, placed first in his age division in a slope style competition at the Cammy Potter Boarding for Breast Cancer event held at Crystal Mountain on March 18. There were over a hundred participants in the event divided by age and skiing and snowboarding.



Jon Handy

The competition consisted of two runs including two rails and two forty foot jumps. Handy completed both runs without any mistakes. On his first run he rode both rails then performed a 720 (two revolutions) with an Iron Cross on both jumps.

On his second run, he completed the rails then did a 720 on his first jump and a 360 with big air on the last jump.

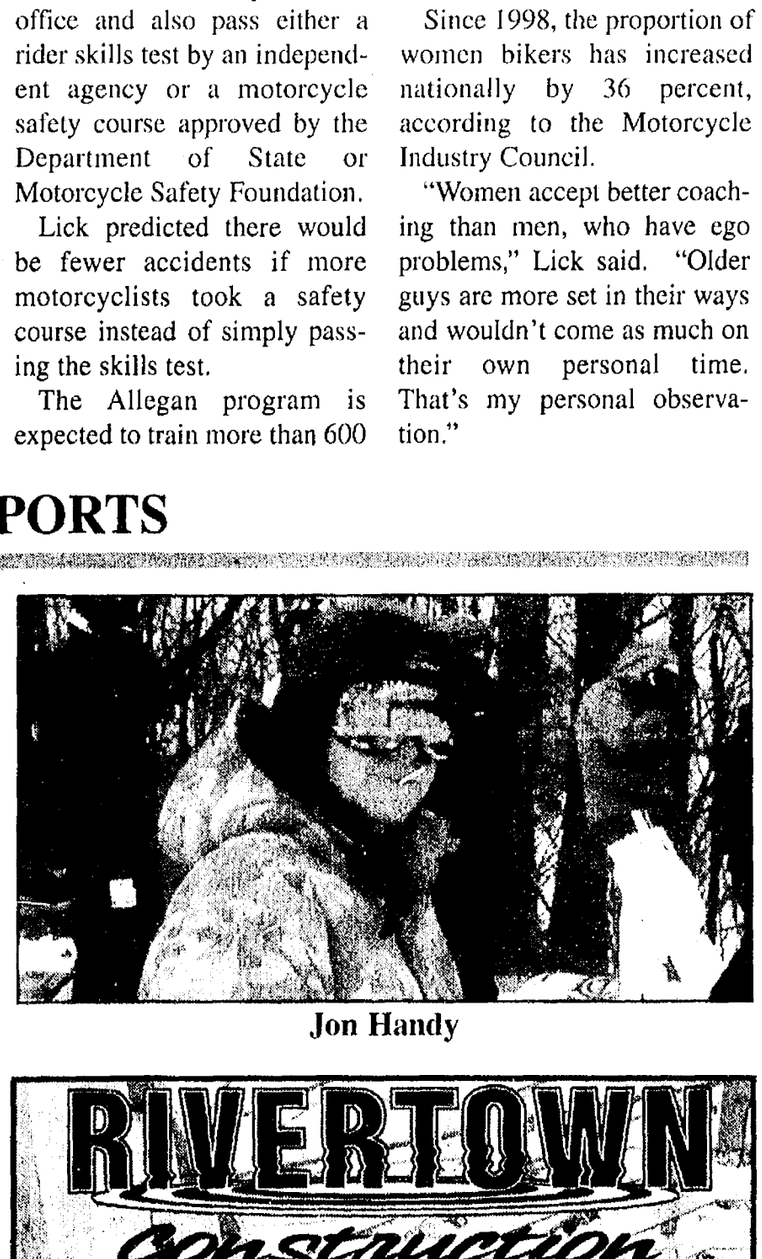
As first place winner, Handy received an etched glass trophy and a seasons Super Pass to Crystal Mountain for next year.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	185
Holiday Inn	169
Sawmill I	161
Sawmill II	154
Growlers Pub	154
Legion	142

5 Ball Runs, Christy (Sawmill I); Vicki (Frederic Inn). 6 Ball Run, Jill (Growlers); 7 Ball Run, Christy (Sawmill I).





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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion	39 - 13
Mickey Perez, CPA	32.5 - 19.5
Woody Girls	29.5 - 22.5
Gr. Nursing Center	28 - 24
Hawk Ridge	26 - 26
Days Inn	22 - 30
Coldwell Banker	19 - 33
Glen's Market	12 - 40

High Series: M. Starks, 533; D. Lobsinger, 531; H. Larm, 523. High Game: M. Starks, 224; D. Lobsinger, 223; H. Larm, 210.

National First

Scott Pittman Bld.	57 - 27
Faustman Insurance	48 - 36
Upper Lakes	46 - 38
Great Lakes Mort.	44 - 40
Corky's Karaoke	41 - 43
Legion Lanes	34 - 50
J- Bar	33 - 51
Sawmill	33 - 51

High Series: D. Walker, 687; P. Miller, 666; D. Lawe, 637. High Game: P. Miller, 258; D. Henning, 247; D. Walker, 239.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Lucky & Laura's	36 - 20
IMM.	31 - 25
New "Kids"	29 - 27
Moshier Auto Repair	27 - 29
American Legion	26 - 30
Double Trouble	19 - 37

High Series Men: D. Wallace, 609; P. Benardo, 573; D. Williamson, 570. High Game Men: P. Benardo, 227; D. Wallace, 214; J. Campbell, 213. High Series Women: K. Moshier, 511; M. Moshier, 483; S. Johnson, 477. High Game Women: K. Moshier, 197; M. Moshier, 196; S. Johnson, 191.

Pioneer League

McDonald's	30 - 6
Chemical Bank	25 - 11
Grayling Rest	23 - 13
Cal Dutton Const.	20 - 16
Thad Pooley Painting	18 - 18
AJD Forest	12 - 24
Spicy Bob's	9 - 27
Tim's Collision	7 - 29

High Series: S. Johnson, 555; P. Benardo, 537; J. Coors, 507. High Game: P. Benardo, 210; S. Johnson, 207; J. Coors, 192.

Northwood League

Tim's Collision	33.5 - 14.5
Bud Lite Babes	26 - 22
Choppers Spare	25 - 23
Carey & Jaskowski	25 - 23
Tree Huggers	22 - 26
Great Lk Mortgage	21.5- 26.5
Hart Pontiac	20 - 28
Scott McNamara	16 - 32

High Series: C. Moore, 493; P. Benardo, 491; K. Buck, 482. High Game: C. Ludwig, 194; C. Moore, 190; K. Buck, 184.

Senior Bowling

Spike's	74 - 42
Flowers By Josie	67.5 - 48.5
Kicking Grass	63 - 53
Grayling Pharmacy	59.5 - 56.5
Stitches By Sue	53 - 63
Bear's Den Pizza	52 - 64
Lone Pine	49 - 67
Sylvesters Sports	46 - 70

High Series Women: C. Clark, 490; D. Mead, 420; M. Rysso, 413. High Game Women: C. Clark, 177; R. Joyce, 155; M. Rysso, 151. High Series Men: K. Harris, 542; P. Faustman, 536; H. Ingram and R. Pyle, 535. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 213; H. Ingram, 203; A. Smith, 201.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Jerry's Jokers	60 - 24
Scott Pittman Bld.	51 - 33
Little Tyke Daycare	47 - 37
Weyerhaeuser	39 - 45
Dennco	26 - 58
Gray Rock Cafe	22 - 62

High Series Men: J. Van-Y, 576; A. Angone, 518; B. Harris, 505. High Game Men: J.Van-Y, 211; A. Angone, 191; K. Slater and B. Harris, 181. High Series Women: L. Bendig, 414; E. Slater, 413; M. Cole, 396. High Game Women: T. Renon, 161; M. Cole, 153; E. Slater, 150.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott M. Searles by Linda Searles, his Attorney in Fact whose Power of Attorney is recorded in Liber 578, Page 429 of Crawford County Register of Deeds and Linda Searles, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Hilton Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002, and recorded on April 22, 2002 in Liber 578 on Page 431, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five And 92/100 Dollars ($60,885.92), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 57, Roy L. Estates as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #018603F02

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage given to Covenant Capitol, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, P.O. Box 814, Cadillac, MI 49601, successor and assignee in interest to David Cornet and Marcie Cornet, mortgagee, granted by mortgagors Scott Day and Cleo Day, husband and wife, 567 Whitetail Trail, Grayling, MI 49738, said mortgage dated February 24, 2000 and Assignment of Mortgage dated February 24, 2000 as recorded on March 14, 2000 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan in Liber 503, Page 267 and Liber 503, Page 272, Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date stated below, for principal, fees, interest, and the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and 54/100 ($7,739.54) Dollars, including interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% Per Cent per annum. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. (1 week after 4 weeks publication) at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises legally described in said mortgage as:

The West 1/2 of East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 600.3241A except that if the property has been determined to be abandoned by the mortgagee, then the period of redemption shall be 30 days from the date of mortgage foreclosure sale.

Dated: March 15, 2006

Attorneys: Bloomquist & Associates, P.L.L.C.
Todd H. Nye
P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

-16-23-30-6

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2006

Members Present: Dennis Long, Shawn Krayes, Ruth O' Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Pat and Dick Blackmar, Virgil L. Partin, James and Barb May, Betty Damen, James Flynn, Gaila Gilliland, Phil Lewis, David Jager.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to amend agenda item eight to one for consideration of Special Assessment Districts projects. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve the Special Assessment Roll for Private Road Maintenance of South Horseshoe Trail (South of M-72 Hwy) in the amount of $3,029.91 (includes 1% administration fee) per year for five years to be spread on the December 1, 2006 tax roll. Division of property assessments contingent upon investigation of Charles to Siwula property transfer. All ayes, motion carried. (see attachment "A")

3. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to approve the Special Assessment Roll for Rebuilding of Ole Dam Road (between Turner Trail and Nottingham Drive) in the amount of $8,585.00 (includes 1 % administration fee) divided by 133 property owners or $64.55 per property for one year to be spread on the December 1, 2006 tax roll. All ayes, motion carried. (see attachment "B")

4. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to amend the agenda to recognize David Jager and his final report regarding appraisal and negotiations of the Grayling Generating Station Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal 1994-2005. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Krayes, second by O'Mara, to authorize Supervisor Terry Wright to sign Stipulation and Consent Agreement for Grayling Generating Station Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal 1994-2005 and file with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Krayes, second by Long, to approve minutes of February 8, 2006 as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Record of Road Special Assessment Districts Public Hearings of February 8, 2006 was placed on file.

7. January 2006 Treasurer's Report was distributed and placed on file.

8. Michigan Military Museum: Re: Old Fire Barn. City cannot lease for less than fair market value. Meeting planned with Paul Compo regarding possibility of becoming part of Crawford County Historical Society Museum.

9. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to authorize Supervisor to sign an American Red Cross Shelter Agreement for the Graying Township conference room. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by Krayes, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 4108,4122-4124, 4147-4177, February 08 Board & Comm. Fees $370.00, Liquor Inspection March 1, 06, $120.00 for a grand total of $35,367.64. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn by Krayes, carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C,
Grayling Township Clerk



CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TWO VACANCIES ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICANTS ARE TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006 AT 12:00 A.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
MARCH 24, 2006

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Maple Forest Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Zoning Ordinance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at the Maple Forest Township Hall located 8996 North Sherman Road. Interested parties are invited to review a copy of the ordinance at the Township Hall, Monday & Wednesday between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. or on the NEMCOG's web site at: http://www.nemcog.org/active-projects.htm. For further information contact Bernie Feldhauser, Planning Commission Chair at (989) 348-7397 or Sandy Baynham, Clerk at (989) 348-5543. Comments can be sent to the Bernie Feldhauser, 7264 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic 48733 or comments may be made at the public hearing.

Sandra L. Baynham
Maple Forest Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POLE BUILDING

Grayling Township is seeking sealed bids for a general contractor to construct a 24-foot by 36-foot pole building to be located at the Grayling township Recycling Center at 4670 North Down River Road. The following specifications will apply:

1 **Blueprints** - sealed by properly certified engineers, will be provided to Grayling Township Building Department within two weeks after bid acceptance.
2 **Dimensions** - 24' Wide X 36' Long X 11' High (at side walls)
3 **Floor** - Concrete, 4-inches thick (includes 8' square exterior pad to connect with asphalt drive).
4 **Roof** - Steel panel with 4/12 pitch and 12-inch eave and gable overhangs.
5 **Walls** - Steel panels
6 **Doors** - one flush 3/0 blank pre-hung entry door and one 12-foot wide by 10-foot high standard garage door
7 **Lighting** - Underground electrical feed to the building, one exterior flood light over garage door, and four standard lighting sockets with one on/off switch by the entry door.
8 **Work requirements** - All work is to be in compliance with the requirements of the International Building Code and the International Fire Code as adopted by Grayling Township. Fire safety requirements must be included in bid.
9 **Permits** - Electrical and building permits are required. Permit fees will be waived by Grayling Township, but inspection fees must be included in bid. All inspections are required and will be performed by inspectors from the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department.
10 **Time schedule** - The building must be fully completed and ready to occupy by Monday, June 12, 2006. A one-percent discount will apply for each day of delay unless the contractor can show valid, extenuating circumstances.
11 **Sub-contractors** - Any building, masonry, or electrical subcontractors must be state certified and specifically named in the bid, and proof of valid liability insurance must be provided for each.
12 **Bids** - Bids must be sealed, and are due at the Grayling Township office located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2006. Bids should be marked "Recycling Building Bid." All bidders must include proof of construction, liability insurance. All bids must include a detailed material and price list, total labor costs, and a total of all costs. Bid will be opened and the accepted bid will be announced on Friday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the supervisor's office.
Questions may be directed in person to Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor at the town hall, or by phone (989) 348-4361.

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act PA267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts during the 2006-2007 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

April 11, 2006
May 9, 2006
June 13, 2006
July 11, 2006
August 8, 2006
September 12, 2006
October 10, 2006
November 14, 2006
December 12, 2006
January 9, 2007
February 12, 2007
March 13, 2007

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet Monday, April 3rd, and on Monday, October 2nd, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be meeting on Tuesday, July 18th and Tuesday, December 12th, 2006. Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 and Monday, March 12th, 2007.

ALL changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED OIL AND GAS MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION

Lands under consideration for oil and gas leasing include acreage in the following counties:

ALCONA, ALPENA, ANTRIM, ARENAC, BAY, BENZIE, CHARLEVOIX, CHEBOYGAN, CLARE, CRAWFORD, GRAND TRAVERSE, ISABELLA, KALKASKA, KENT, LAKE, MANISTEE, MECOSTA, MIDLAND, MISSAUKEE, MONTMORENCY, NEWAYGO, OCEANA, OGEMAW, OSCEOLA, OSCODA, OTSEGO, and **ROSCOMMON.**

The **Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights of approximately 53,000 acres of State-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at the Michigan Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of $13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels not bid in at $13.00 per acre, may be re-offered at a minimum bid of $5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of State-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with **DNR/Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM)/Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS)**, three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing further auction particulars including a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered, and b) parcel classifications, will be available after May 4, 2006, on the web at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr; or by contacting DNR/FMFM/MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN May 3, 2006. Any request for change in classification will be considered by DNR prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR.

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Deborah A. Mahaney unmarried of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to The Huntington National Bank dated the 11th day of October, A.D. 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of October, A.D. 2004, in Liber 671 of Crawford Records, on page 999, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $53,776.86 (fiftty three thousand, seven hundred seventy six dollars and eighty six cents) plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 3rd day of May, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan,, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot 13, Pinecrest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 1, Crawford County Records
Commonly known as: 4600 Orbit Dr.

Tax ID: 040-45-640-00-013-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48084
WWR#05095903

-30-6-13-20-27

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer L. Wilkins, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 26, 2002, and recorded on December 2, 2002 in Liber 609 on Page 512, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen And 75/100 Dollars ($49,117.75), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 440, Indian Glens of the Ausable No. 6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #088180F01

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel B. Gallagher, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Paramount Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2001, and recorded on July 17, 2001 in Liber 542 on Page 49, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifteen And 56/100 Dollars ($43,015.56), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051557F04

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorene Kettler, single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 356, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Two And 79/100 Dollars ($116,202.79), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 9 and 10, May Ausable Estates, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 19, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #074637F02

-16-23-30-6

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas Steffes, a single man, to Citizens Bank, mortgagee, dated February 22, 2002 and recorded March 5, 2002 in Liber 572, Page 265, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Washington Mutual Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 67/100 Dollars ($94,894.67) including interest at the rate of 7.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Part of the fractional Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 3; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute 30 seconds West (along the North-South one-quarter line); 628.8 feet to the point of beginning. thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East 1321.54 feet; thence South 1 degrees 35 minutes West (along the East one-eighth line); 293.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds West 1323.79 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East (along the North-South one-quarter line); 293.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.89 Acres more or less, also subject to county Road easement along the Easterly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 23, 2006
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Washington Mutual Bank, as Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 362.0074

-23-30-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve N Dmytrusz, II and Susan M. Dmytrusz, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 486 on Page 82, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 631, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And 13/100 Dollars ($152,888.13), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 26, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West

Description No. 2: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 3: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The property is now known as:
The East 3/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, containing 15 acres combined.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: March 23, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #040906F02

-23-30-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Lynn Gwisdala, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Banking Corporation, now Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1996, and recorded on October 30, 1996 in Liber 420 on Page 334, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One And 91/100 Dollars ($8,691.91), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one quarter line of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; and TOGETHER with right of ingress and egress over the South 66 feet of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and together with and subject to a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over a strip of land 66 feet wide thence running North and lying 33 feet on each side of the Section line between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and continuing to the above described parcel of land.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: March 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #083653F01

-16-23-30-6

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald R Baker and Debra E Baker, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of March, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, 1998 in Liber 455 of Crawford County Records, page 213, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Central Area Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Seven & 91/100 ($18,307.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.250% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 18, T26N, R2W, thence South 330; thence East 60 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 60 feet to the place of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 3/16/2006
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee

--16-23-30-6

FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for several open positions with the Fish Hatchery Committee. The purpose of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Committee is to promote, encourage and aid the work of historical, scientific, cultural and educational organization of Crawford County, Michigan through the development and management of the Fish Hatchery property. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 3 @12:00 p.m. Applications may be sought from and returned to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

PUBLIC NOTICE
Frederic Township Citizens

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act of 1976, PA 267; The April regular meeting of the Frederic Township Board of Trustees has been rescheduled and will be held on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from licensed contractors for lawn service at the M-TEC/University Center, 60 Livingston Blvd, in Gaylord for an annual contract period of April 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006.

A mandatory pre-bid walk of the site and parking lot will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be open and publicly read. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty day after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM 2006

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Crawford County Housing Commission are seeking public comments for the submission of a 2006 Housing Preservation Grant Program (HGP). Written comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., April 14, 2006 and should be mailed to: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707. A statement of activities proposed within the grant will be available to the public at the Crawford County Housing Commission Office, 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738. tdd # 1-800-649-3777

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

An Equal Opportunity Lender

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PAINTING CONTRACTOR

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from licensed contractors to provide exterior metal painting services at the M-TEC/University Center, 60 Livingston Blvd, in Gaylord.

A mandatory open house will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST
FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



County Republican Chairman Art Thayer sells the first tickets to the annual Republican Lincoln Day dinner to Dr. Ralph Hoffman and his wife Nancy Hoffman.

23 Years Ago
March 31, 1983

The first experiment in Michigan with no-kill trout fishing will begin April 30 with a four and a half mile stretch of the AuSable South Branch. Fisherman catching trout from Chase Bridge downstream to High Banks will have to release the fish or face penalities. The DNR will monitor the five year experiment to see if no-kill rules increase the number of large trout in the stream.

Howard Hatfield, of Grayling, has been appointed as manager for the fish hatchery by the hatchery committee. The hatchery, closed since the mid-60's, is scheduled to reopen as a tourist site by Memorial Day or earlier.

An Easter Sunday special for $4.95 is available at Bear's Country Inn, from noon to 8 p.m.

Karyn Reynolds, a 16 year-old Grayling High School junior, was awarded the Kircher Cup as the top junior female racer in the Central United States Ski Association Region III.

The GHS girls ski team, who finished fifth in the state this year, were honored at a ski team banquet.

The Central Regional Office of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced that Mr. Howard Taylor has agreed to chair the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon in Grayling.

Felicia Galvani, Karla Dosch and Shawn Lovely were selected to represent GHS at the 42nd Annual Girls State, which will be held at Central Michigan University in June. Three others were also picked as alternatives, they are Jodie Hatley, Deanna Hubbard and Melissa McEvers.

The 1983 Cancer Crusade Kickoff was held in Traverse City on March 16. Those attending from Crawford County were Valerie Lehti, Marilyn Fick and Florence Hough. The 1983 Crawford County Co-Chairmen are Nancy Dean and Cathy Hickey

46 Years Ago
March 31, 1960

Houghton Lake radio station WHGR is planning on opening a studio in Grayling at Shoppenagons Inn. It will be used to broadcast an hour program six days per week from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The studio will be located in the Inn's TV room located between the lobby and the Blue Room. The local guest of the first program will be Robert Hayes, secretary/manager of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce.

It's the 10th Anniversary sale at Hoerl's Decorating Shop, located at 106 Michigan Ave. Ten percent off all paints, wallpaper, floor tile and linoleum.

Four Grayling High School juniors have been selected to attend Wolverine Girls' and Boys' State. They are: Mary Ann Engel, Linda Smock, Stephen Sink, and Russell Albert Gust.

Burrows Market, located at 228 Michigan Ave, is now affiliated with I.G.A. The grand opening will be on April 8 and 9.

Frederic High School announces Carol Ann Baynham as Valedictorian and Linda Lee Bigham as Salutatorian for the 1960 graduating class.

69 Years Ago
April 1, 1937

After five years as bookkeeper and salesman and seven years as local manager and salesman, Don Reynolds has resigned from the Michigan Public Service Company, to take over the sales management of Sorenson Furniture store.

Reggie Sheehy received an injury to his left foot while at work at the flooring mill. A lumber truck ran over his foot, breaking the small toe and bruising the others.

92 Years Ago
April 2, 1914

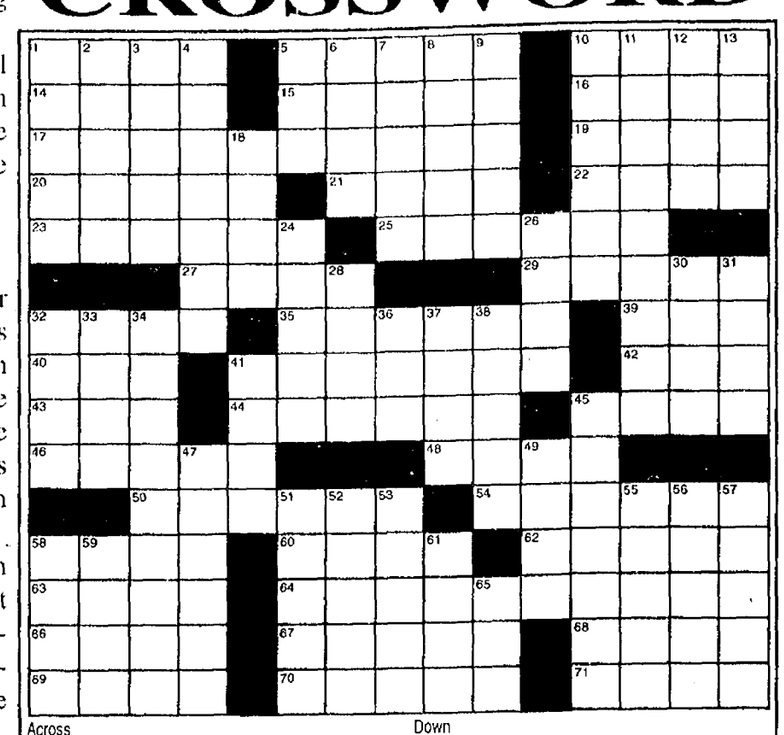
A luncheon and smoker attended by 200 Grayling men was held at the Opera House to discuss the building of the new hotel.

Miss Florence Smith has accepted the position as teacher of the primary grades in this school. Miss Smith is a graduate of this school.

Frank Dreese, who was the purchaser of the M. Brenner bankrupt stock, has leased the office and residence building of Dr. Merriman for a term of years and will remodel the place and open it as a store.

As we are told, Al Cramer and Fred Aebli, are the championship fisherman of the season. They speared through the ice at School Section Lake, a steelhead, 16 lbs., 6 ozs., and 40 inches long.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Stephanie _, character in a series of novels by Janet Evanovich.
5. _ Rager, novelist and playwright.
10. Villain in Shakespeare's Othello.
14. Solitary.
15. Peculiar to the human environment as contrasted with that found normally in wild animals.
16. Group of people related by blood or marriage.
17. Ability that has been acquired by training.
19. Outcry.
20. One of several species of small sandpipers.
21. Marked by sound judgment.
22. Physical attributes of cheese when touched or eaten.
23. Person in possession of a negotiable instrument such as a bill of exchange.
25. Field instrument with semicircular teeth that breaks up clods and levels soils.
27. Issue formally for circulation.
29. Fill with sublime emotion.
32. European river.
35. Nap in the early afternoon.
39. Unable to be tagged in children's chasing games.
40. Legal prohibition established by a government.
41. Scoundrel.
42. Falsehood acted for the purpose of deception.
43. Abbreviation of Latin phrase "etcetera."
44. Greek word for 10,000.
45. Entire sequence of ecological communities successively occupying an area from the initial stage to the climax.
46. One of a race of brutes resembling men but subject to the Houyhnhnms in a Jonathan Swift novel.
48. The _ Collector, film starring Denzel Washington.
50. _ Wilson, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright.
54. Destructive action.
58. Seize.
60. Having more than one decidedly dissimilar aspects.
62. Upset.
64. Work describing the development of the early church from Christ's ascension to Paul's sojourn to Rome.
64. Carrying goods to a person.
66. Objective case of "thou."
67. Retention of excessive amounts of fluid by the body tissue.
68. Bitter fruit of several plants used in preparation of purgative.
69. Of a particular time.
70. Remove a horseshoe, trim the hoof and then reattach the horseshoe.
71. Payment of a financial obligation earlier than expected.

Down
1. Small pool of standing water.
2. Game of chance in which numbered balls are drawn at random and players cover the corresponding numbers on their card.
3. Up to the time that.
4. Follow a winding, turning, seemingly random course.
5. Flying _, TV show starring Sally Field.
6. Heraldic device.
7. Form of belief involving sorcery.
8. Unexpected gift.
9. Deposit a dead body in a tomb.
10. Old-fashioned refrigerator cooled by ice.
11. Deductible according to the tax laws.
12. Practical joke.
13. _ the Lonely, film starring John Candy.
18. Distinct part that can be specified separately in a group of thing that could be enumerated on a list.
24. Not financially safe.
26. Traditional unit of quantity used for counting sheets of paper.
28. One of two or more distinct levels.
30. _ of the White Worm, film directed by Ken Russell.
31. Herbert Beerbohm _, character actor.
32. Yield to the impulse.
33. Name of Brent Spiner's character on Star Trek: The Next Generation.
34. Magician.
36. _ Roth, director of Cabin Fever.
37. Oceanic crustal plate that underthrusts the continental plate in a subduction zone and is consumed by the earth's mantle.
38. Anthony _, British ballet dancer and choreographer.
41. Fog mixed and polluted with smoke.
45. Being more than two but fewer than many.
47. Beginning.
49. Longer, western arm of a cathedral.
51. Mammary glands of bovids.
52. Leather with a napped surface.
53. _ of the Gold Monkey, TV show starring Stephen Collins.
55. Attached to the axis.
56. Major medieval port.
57. Formed a border to something.
58. Name given to a political faction during the Age of Liberty in Sweden.
59. Act of conversation between humans and cats.
61. Green, oval fruit whose juice has a sour taste.
65. Tax levied on the difference between a commodity's price before taxes and it's cost of production.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Slow Cookers Savory Pot Roast



2 1/2 to 3 pounds boneless chuck or rump roast, well trimmed
5 cups cut-up fresh vegetables, such as carrots, celery, onions, and potatoes
1 package Slow Cookers Savory Pot Roast Seasoning
1 cup water

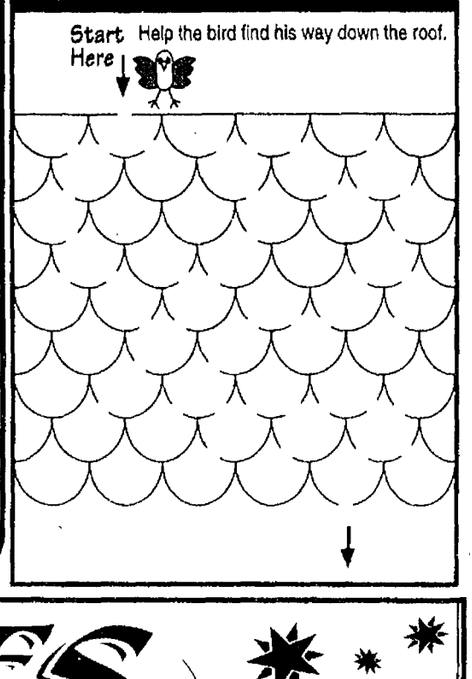
1. Place roast and vegetables in slow cooker.
2. Mix Seasoning and water until blended. Pour over roast and vegetables. Cover.
3. Cook 8 hours on LOW or 4 hours on HIGH. Remove roast and vegetables to serving platter. Stir sauce before serving. For best results, do not remove cover during cooking.

Makes 8 servings.

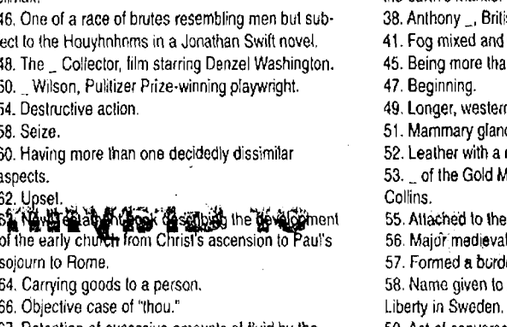
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Josie
is a playful, loving kitten, about 10 months old. She is spayed, front declawed, feline leukemia tested and up to date on her shots.

Midge
is a unique looking girl who has come a long way since coming to the shelter. She is obedient and housebroken, spayed and up to date on her shots.



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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
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Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES
For the Week of March 30, 2006



December 22–January 19
Let your instincts be your guide this week, Capricorn. You know what you want and you don't need anyone to tell you. A coworker returns a favor.



March 21–April 19
This is no time to be shy. You've worked long and hard on your idea and you deserve to shine. Step out of the shadows and get out there.



June 22–July 22
Uh-oh, Cancer. A dark secret is about to be revealed. Be prepared to face the consequences. A weekend road trip gives you the chance to spread your wings.



September 23–October 22
Brace yourself, Libra. Trouble looms. Whatever you do, don't get involved. Leave it to someone else to resolve. Travel plans hit a snag—move quickly.



January 20–February 18
The pettiness of others is starting to get to you. Step back for a moment and take some time to yourself to rejuvenate. Signs of promise begin to appear.



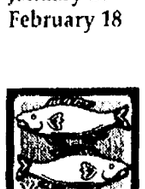
April 20–May 20
Don't cut corners this week, Taurus, or you could damage a business relationship, along with your reputation. A chat with a neighbor lifts a burden.



July 23–August 22
Humility, not pride, is the theme this week. Be humble in what you say and do and the world will be yours for the taking. Test results prove positive.



October 23–November 21
Don't jump to conclusions this week, Scorpio, or you could wind up losing a friendship. An encounter with nature looms large in your memory.



February 19–March 20
Get ready, Pisces. A financial situation is about to get sticky. Don't leave anything to chance. Get all of your paperwork together and proceed with caution.



May 21–June 21
Uh-uh, Gemini. Flattery will get you nowhere. Can the charm and focus on the project at hand. The deadline is growing closer by the minute. A meeting ends with a bang!



August 23–September 22
This is your one chance to get away from it all. Toss away your reservations and accept an invite. You'll meet a slue of people and make lots of memories.



November 22–December 21
Play it safe this week, Sagittarius. Now is not the time to take risks. If a financial proposal seems too good to be true, it probably is. A thank-you note brings a smile to your face.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip. Inches
3/22	33	12	0
3/23	33	25	0.03
3/24	37	25	T
3/25	38	29	T
3/26	40	21	0
3/27	46	19	0
3/28	51	17	0

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 63 Low 48	High 58 Low 38	High 45 Low 30	High 49 Low 32	High 49 Low 33	High 50 Low 34
Few Showers	Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Showers

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century 21 grayling .com (2/23/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

LOST BUYER Grayling 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.4 acres joining state land. Great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Easy financing regardless of credit. $83,000 . Call 989-344-6052 or 989-390-9889. (LR4/13/06/1)

1. Real Estate

GREAT HOME for small family, or cottage, 2 blocks from Lake Margrethe. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, quiet, low traffic neighborhood, large yard. Built in 1992, solid construction, well maintained, appliances available. Raise a family or enjoy the north. $84,000, all reasonable offers considered. (989) 348-7515. (-30-6-13/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, 1 bath, recent updates inside and out. Private yard, walking distance to park and library. Near I-75/US127, snowmobile, ski and golf area. Paved road - 8306 S. Grayling Rd. $67,500. 989-915-1182 (LR4/13/06/1)

WANTED-LOTS-RESIDENTIAL Reply: #211, 526 W. 14th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. (-23-30/1

1. Real Estate

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER Newer, well maintained, stick built home with detached 2-car garage. Situated on 10 acres of heavily mixed hardwoods, minutes away from I-75 and Maple Forrest Township. $106,000. Phone Derek at 989-390-8617. (-30-6/)

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM, 2 BATH home, sale or lease. Home sits on 1/2 acre with hardwood setting. Priced well below assessed value. $59,900. Call 731-1222 or 989-619-1459. (LR4/06/06/1)

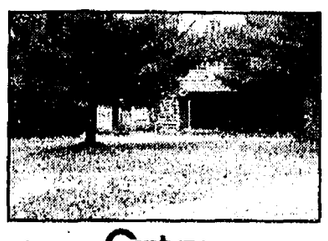
HOUSE FOR SALE Secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking $104,900. Must see, must sell. Open house 11 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. 348-1705 (-30/1)

CHEAPER THAN RENT Guthrie Lakes, Waters. Neat and clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, tons of cupboards and countertops. 1670 sq. ft., wooded lot, deeded lake access, club house amenities, area cleared for garage. $97,000. Northern Holdings, 231-439-9215. e-mail: morningspreserve@ yahoo.com (-23-30/1)

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Outdoor Enthusiasts will enjoy this 5 bedroom get-a-way! Great set up for a snowmobile club, or any group that enjoys outdoor activities in Northern Michigan. Located close to snowmobile trails, state land & the Manistee River. Built in 1995, furnished **$124,900 #5555**



Century 21 River Country Real Estate
5688 M-72 West, Grayling
(989) 390-2888 & (989) 348-5474



CUTE & "PERFECT STARTER HOME" 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large Country kitchen with built in hutch. Fenced in back yard. Remodeled bathroom. 10 x 14 rear deck. New roof in 2002. New septic tank and drainfield in the fall of 2005. Two car garage situated on almost 1 acre with nice tall oak and pine trees. Shed. **DBB-2296 $79,900**

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- **Smith Lake Access:** 2 bedroom home/cottage on a nice sized lot with a 24 x 34 garage. #465 $48,500
- **Perry Lake:** 3 bedroom waterfront home/cottage with a great view of the lake. Lots of knotty pine. Comes with a one car garage. #458 Just Reduced $119,900
- **Mio:** Nice 3 bedroom, one bath home with a two car garage. Walking distance to town. #467 $70,000. Large corner lot.
- 2 Bedroom, one Bath chalet style home on **40 wooded acres**, near Fairview. Excellent location for wildlife. #455
- **Fairview:** Large 4 bedroom, 4 bath manufactured home on 17.86 acres. 2400 sq. ft. home located in the quiet county. #468
- **Muleshoe Lake:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1 1/2 story home with deeded lake access. Large lot. Lots of knotty pine, fireplace. Must see! #464
- **Abbott lake:** Super nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story home on 2.6 acres with a two car garage, great location. #445
- **Fairview:** 3 bedroom, one bath home within walking distance to town. Attached 2 car garage, sits on almost an acre. #456
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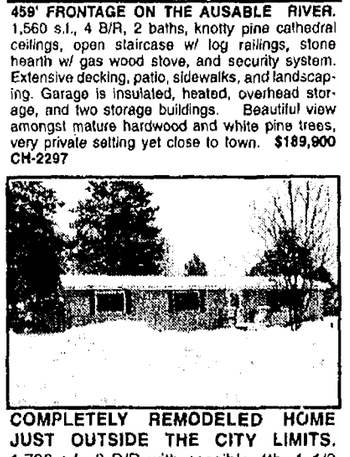
LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x120). Hardwood floors. Large breezeway, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. Drywall has been freshly painted. New vinyl siding, 2 years old. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! **CS-2192 $74,500**



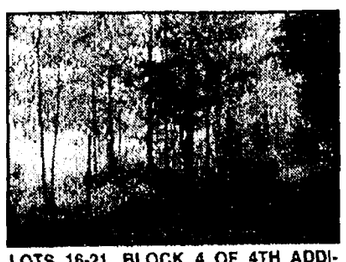
CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS. A mixture of hardwoods and pines cover this rolling terrain, with electricity available at road. Off of Switzer Blvd,. **CS-2202 $8,000**



459' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER. 1,560 s.f., 4 B/R, 2 baths, knotty pine cathedral ceilings, open staircase w/ log railings, stone hearth w/ gas wood stove, and security system. Extensive decking, patio, sidewalks, and landscaping. Garage is insulated, heated, overhead storage, and two storage buildings. Beautiful view amongst mature hardwood and white pine trees, very private setting yet close to town. **$189,900 CH-2297**



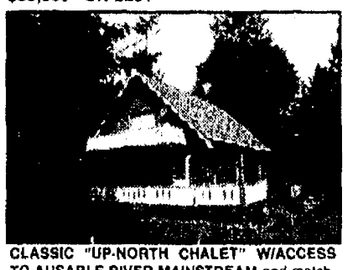
COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. 1,796 s.f., 3 B/R with possible 4th, 1 1/2 baths, large 23 x 25 living room, and a 10 x 6.7 office. Nicely landscaped yard with blacktop drive, 10 x 17 storage shed, 30 x 18 patio, and a 12 x 12 deck. Motivated seller, will entertain creative financing. **$85,000 CH-2281**



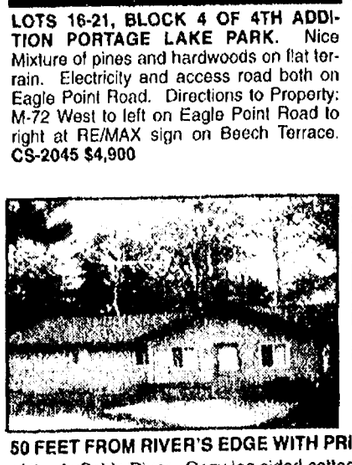
LOTS 16-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK. Nice Mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace. **CS-2045 $4,900**

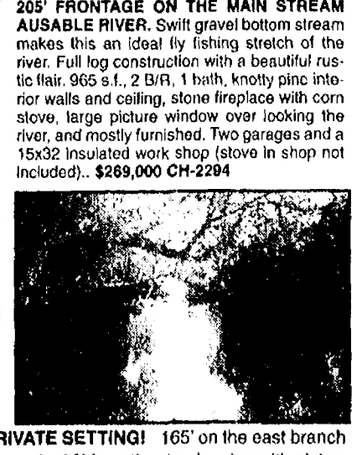


205' FRONTAGE ON THE MAIN STREAM AUSABLE RIVER. Swift gravel bottom stream makes this an ideal fly fishing stretch of the river. Full log construction with a beautiful rustic flair. 965 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, knotty pine interior walls and ceiling, stone fireplace with corn stove, large picture window over looking the river, and mostly furnished. Two garages and a 15x32 insulated work shop (stove in shop not included).. **$269,000 CH-2294**



CLASSIC "UP-NORTH CHALET" W/ACCESS TO AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM and matching garage on 2.7 acres. 1,584 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, brick fireplace, beamed and knotty pine ceilings. Master bedroom with vaulted beamed ceiling and door wall onto a 6x18 balcony. 3-car garage with overhead tackle room, additional 12 x 22 garage, and 8 x 14 wood shed. Adjacent 2.5 acres (Parcel 24) available $10,000. **CH-2203 $125,000**







50 FEET FROM RIVER'S EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING! 165' on the east branch of the AuSable River. Cozy log sided cottage sits 50' from the river's edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior. Cedar siding on the exterior, needs some finishing touches including floor covering. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Kitchen offers new oak cabinets with Lazy Susan. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. **CS-2254 $105,500**

CAPE COD ON BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Newer 3 BR Cape Cod with secluded country setting. 1,542 s.f., full basement, newer appliances, sliding glass door off dining room onto wrap-around decking. 32x36 heated garage with 11 ft. side walls and 220 electrical. Landscaped yard, paved drive, frost free water hydrant and fenced back yard. **CH-2198 $113,000**

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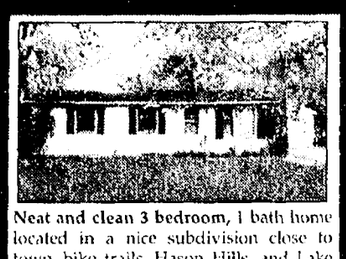
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Meticulously kept, well constructed home near Kneff Lake. Home has 5 acres of land with a optional 5 available. Home features custom craftsmanship, 3-4 bedrooms 2 plus baths, a knock out garage with upper level and plumbing. **$149,900 #5638**



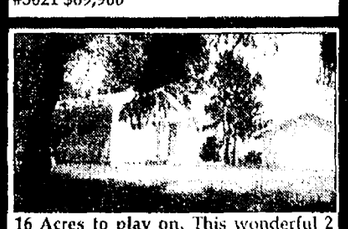
Very nice 880 square foot newly remodeled cottage. All knotty pine interior, den with gas log fireplace, 1 bath, 2 bedroom. 24 x 30 garage, 12 x 20 drive through outbuilding for your sleds. Snowmobilers Dream Getaway! **#5621 $69,900**



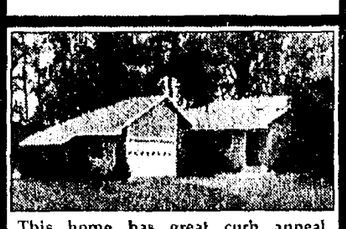
Neat and clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath home located in a nice subdivision close to town, bike trails, Hasen Hills, and Lake Margrethe. Features Natural Gas Heat, nice oak cabinets and a garage. **$78,500 #5597**



Cozy 3 bedroom Chalet in a peaceful setting near Lovells. Home features Knotty Pine interior, breeze-way to garage, front & rear decking and all the amenities of Warbler's Hideaway. Close access to the AuSable River & snowmobile/ORV trails. **#5600 $88,900**



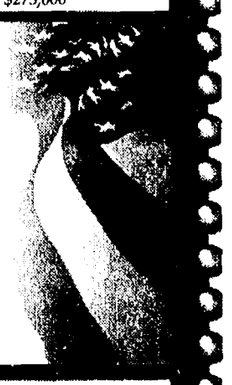
16 Acres to play on. This wonderful 2 bedroom, 1 bath, home is in "move-in" condition. It's located off an asphalt county maintained road plus it has a 2 car garage. What more could you ask for? **$94,900 #5533**



This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run Golf Course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. **#5363 $275,000**

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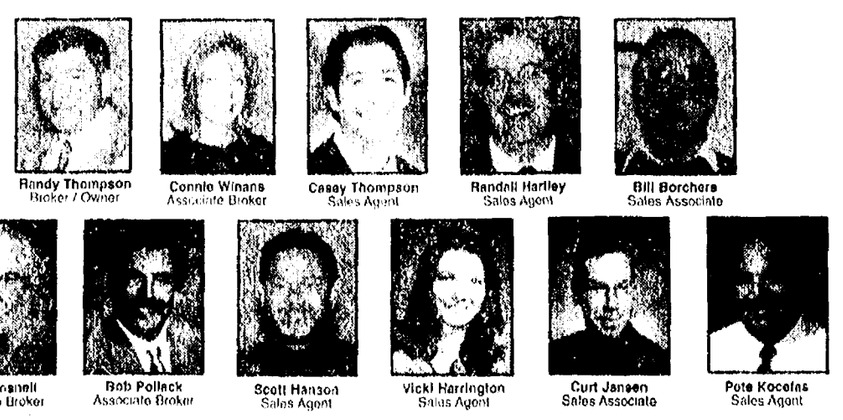
Thank you 1071st and families for your sacrifices. We are Proud of you!



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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY only 100 feet off black top, all utilities in area, property is high ground and includes a small water inlet. Property dimensions are: 100' x 250'. Property has been perk tested and surveyed for building. Priced to sell at $49,900. 231-730-3522. (LR4/13/06/1)

2. For Rent

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4 SALE OR RENT mobile homes, $2,000 and up, or $450 and up. 348-5278. (3/16/06tf/2)

GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT. INCOME LEVEL UP TO $45,000.00. CEILING RENT $400.00 UTILITIES INCLUDED IN RENT.
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2. For Rent

VACATION HOME Punta Gorda, Florida. 3/3, canal front, newly remodeled, fully furnished, pool, enclosed lanai. $800/wk; $3,000/mo. First/last plus security. No pets, non-smoking, references required. Contact 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (2/23/06tf/2)

RENT TO OWN ELECTRONICS computers, furniture, appliances, jewelry. Easy weekly or monthly payment plan. No credit needed. No obligation. Ask for details about our new "Bonus Buck" program. Call Continental Home Centers today (989) 348-2499. (LR7/27/06/2)

LAKE HOME FOR RENT Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large lot with 2-car garage and paved drive way. Kitchen appliances included. $800 per month plus security, no pets. 586-228-2874. (LR3/30/06/2)

2. For Rent

RUSTIC LOG CABIN located on scenic Manistee River, newly renovated, fully furnished. 3/2, 2 fireplaces, finished basement with pool table, outdoor sauna, $700 week; $2,500 month. First/last plus security, non-smoking, no pets. References required, contact 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (2/23/06tf/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Rent a cozy cabin year round from $275 per month, including all utilities. 30 wooded acres, walk to Blue Gill Lake. $200 security, no pets. 877-227-6976. (3/09/06tf/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT 1 bedroom, range refrigerator, large tool shed. $350 month, plus $350 security, tenant pays electric and gas heat. No pets. 204 Lawndale. 348-4716. (3/23/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM 1 bath on wooded lot in Frederic. Natural gas. $490 monthly plus $200 deposit. 7681 Mill. Verifiable income and references, no pets. After 6 pm, 1-810-305-0855. (-30-6/2)

FOR RENT nice 2 bedroom home, gas heat, well insulated, located, East M-72, Grayling. Will lease. $500, plus deposit. 989-348-5428. (3/23/06tf/2)

GRAYLING, NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Arbor Court Apartments. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. Barrier free unit available, equal housing opportunity. Families welcome. For more information, call Pam, 989-732-6327 or TDD# 1-800-649-3777. (-23-30-6/2)

RAYNE FOREST RENTALS 1 bedroom duplexes, $500 per month. 348-5230. (3/30/06tf/2)

3. Employment

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, INC has an immediate need for Home Health Aides for the Grayling and Lovells area. Drivers license and reliable transportation a must. We offer competitive wages and benefit packages for both part and full-time positions. If interested in being a part of our rewarding team, please contact us at our corporate office, 1-800-274-0100, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm to schedule an interview. EOE. (-23-30/3)

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HOUSEKEEPER/LAUNDRY MANAGER 64 hours per pay period. Hands on position. Responsibilities include: floor maintenance, commercial laundry, supervision of staff, and budgetary compliance, etc. Dependability and team player. Apply in person at: Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-23-30/3)

ROUTE SALES Arrow Uniform Rental has immediate openings in our Grayling location. Job requirements: Good driving record, exceptional people skills, detail orientated/organized, sales ability, self starter, able to lift up to 50 lbs. Pay/Benefits: No holidays or weekends, 5 day work week, 26 K plus commissions/bonuses, 401k/profit sharing, life, medical, dental. For immediate consideration, fax resume to (989) 348-7892 or call (989) 348-4396. (-30/3)

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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1. Real Estate

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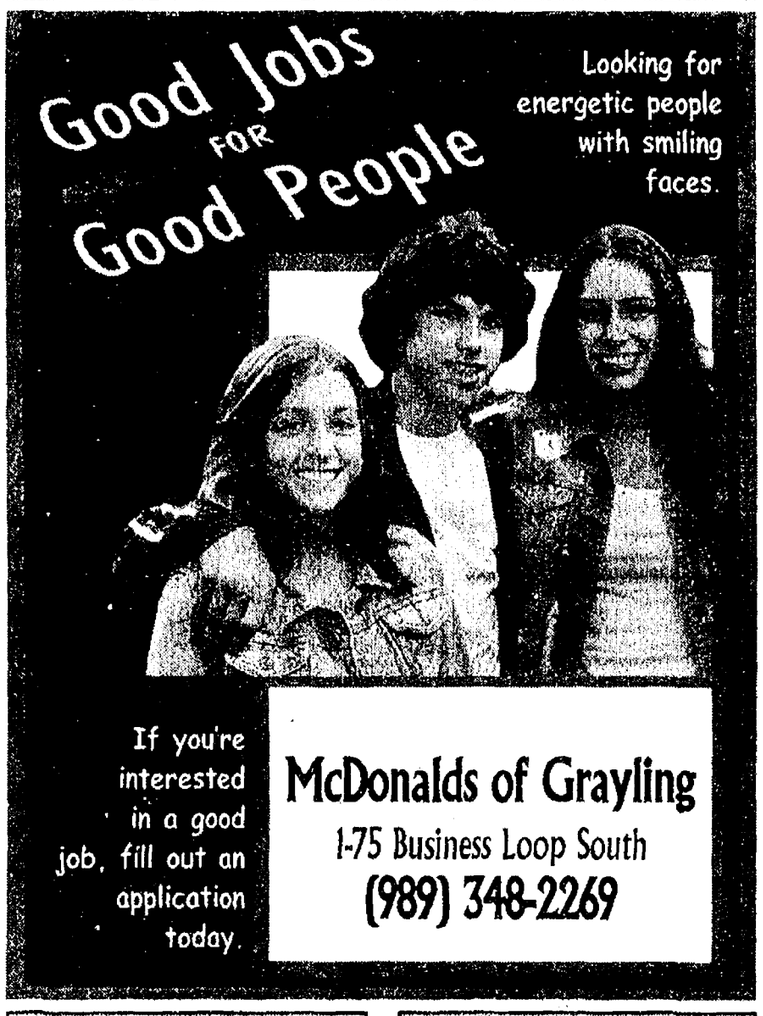


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The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of Heavy Equipment (Front End Loader Operator). Applicants shall be tested on equipment.

Minimum requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent. Current Commercial Drivers License Class A, with air brakes with a good driving record. Job Descriptions can be obtained at the Road Commission office.

Employment application and/or Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. April 13, 2006 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648
Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

1. Real Estate



Extremely well cared for large five bedroom home has much to offer, including a large family room which was added to home along with 2 bedrooms in 2001. Freshly painted, Master Suite with walkin closet, 2 large decks, vinyl siding, landscaped with a sprinkler system, ready to move into. **#243741 $179,900**



Great up north getaway. 1 bedroom, possibly 2 more. Covered porch, large 30' x 30' garage. Lots of trails just minutes away. **#242342 $79,500**

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This charming 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath older home has lots of room for a growing family. Some furnishings stay. Original wood floors, drywall, paneling and all plaster on 2nd floor. Large foyer on 2nd floor and lots of built-in storage throughout. Enclosed front and side porches. Chimney needs TLC, but otherwise a turn-key home. **#241961 $75,900**



Family home in the City of Grayling. This 1,800 sq. ft. 3 bedroom home has been totally redone. Updates include: drywall, paint/trim, plumbing, electrical, heating, roof, bathrooms, laundry room, kitchen cabinets, linoleum, vinyl windows, light fixtures, insulation, ceiling fan, carpeting, hot water heater & 6-panel wood doors. **#242157 $112,500**



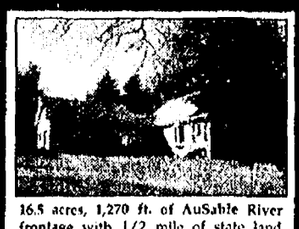
Home has been completely remodeled. Home has metal roof, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, beautiful rustic look. Home is bordered by state land on one side with the north branch of the Boardman River running beside the home. Close to ORV/Snowmobile trail. Great for first home buyer or for an up north cabin. **#242278 $89,900**

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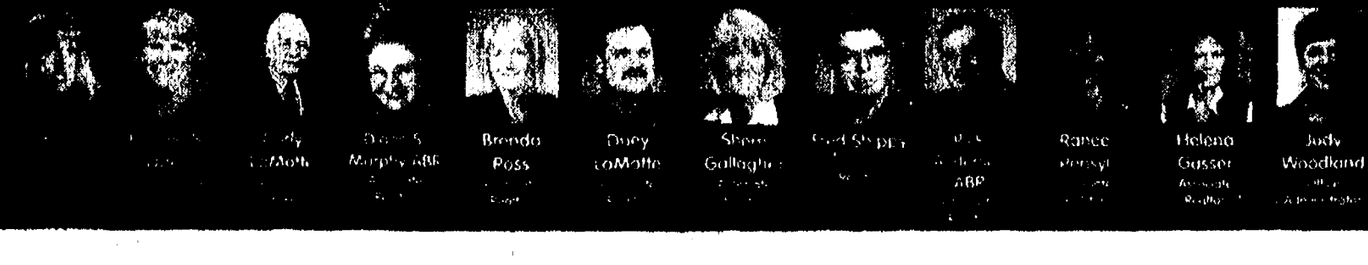
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3. Employment

3. Employment

MERCY HOSPICE

Mercy Hospice is seeking a full time office clerk for the Grayling Hospice program. Prior Hospice experience preferred. This person is responsible for payroll entry, preparing billing documents, insurance verification, data entry, posting, AP responsibility, physician order preparation and follow-up. Prior experience is a plus. Must have a minimum of 1-2 years office experience, preferably in hospice, medical office setting. Benefits available.

Send resume attn: Brenda Lake, by fax 989-348-0047 or for more information call 1-800-424-2457 or 989-348-0044 and leave a message.

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HELP WANTED

Frederic Township is looking to hire one person to fill a position at the Township and the Fire Department. **Requirements:** Must be mechanically inclined and self-motivated. Must be able to pass a background check and possess a valid driver's license. Must be certified by the Michigan Fire Fighters Council in Fire Fighter I and be certified by the State of Michigan as an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B). **Job Description Fire Department:** Required to respond during the day on EMS calls as an attendant or on the Fire Department on Fire Calls. General maintenance and cleaning in the station and on the fire trucks and/or ambulances. Required to follow the Frederic Twp Fire Department standard operating guidelines and all training requirements. **Township:** Required to be in charge of the cemetery as the sexton and do all burials, general maintenance at the township hall, lawn maintenance and snowplowing on all the township owned properties. **Hours:** Required to work Monday through Friday 8 hours a day except for major holidays. One week paid vacation after one year employment. Blue Cross and Blue Shield medical offered after 120 days of employment. Wage will be based on qualifications and experience. Applications must be received by April 13, 2006 at 2 p.m. Interviews will be scheduled the week of April 24 through April 27, 2006.

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5. For Sale

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YOUR TIMING IS PERFECT Purchase your Central Boiler outdoor wood furnace before April 30 to receive $550 rebate. You can be cozy and warm while saving mega-bucks at the same time. Call 989-348-7484 for details. (LR4/27/06/5)

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8. Announcements

WANTED

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

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Guess Who???

10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

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9. Personals

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10. Garage Sales

11. Automotive

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9. Personals



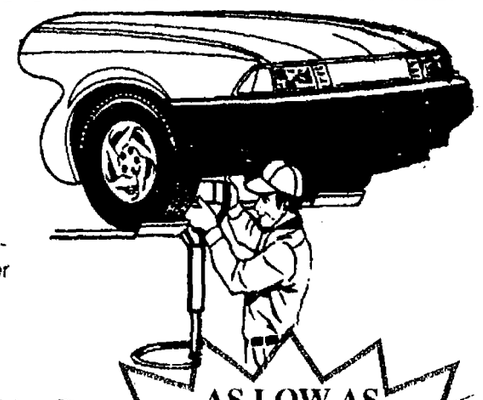
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